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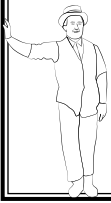
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Introduction

The Purpose of This Document

Three-year-old Hans Peter Christensen, later to become known as Peter Christian Christensen, began his arduous trip across the ocean with his parents in 1853. His parents never finished the journey, his mother dying on board the ship outside of New Orleans and his father dying just as they reached Saint Louis. He crossed the plains as a young orphan to settle in Sanpete County, Utah. His descendants are mostly scattered throughout the western states, and this work is being written to relate their stories. My original intent was to document four generations, but there are so many members of the fourth generation still living that I decided in the interest of privacy to limit my research to just three generations: (1) P.C. Christensen and his wife, (2) their children, and (3) their grandchildren. I am a member of the fifth generation, a second great grandchild.

Coming from a newly settled rural community, many of Peter's children were farmers, but they also were involved in various other endeavors. His descendants have left their marks in the fields of government, industry, science, education, and entertainment. They served in the military in both World Wars, as well as in other conflicts and during times of peace. They are a diverse group of people, some remaining close to home, others wandering far from their place of origin.

I also hope that this document can serve as a reminder of the importance of personal histories. Biographies should not be limited just to people with celebrity status. The request I make of every person reading this is to write your own story and keep it in a safe place so that others can reference it after you are gone. If you are in possession of the personal history of someone who is no longer alive, please share it on ancestry.com, familysearch.org, or some other online repository. Other family historians will be thankful for it.

The Structure of This Document

I have created a numbering system to identify the people in this document. The first generation comprises one person, Peter Christian Christensen, identified by the number **1.1**. The second generation comprises nine people. They are identified from the oldest to the youngest by the numbers **2.1** through **2.9**. The third generation comprises twenty-eight people, identified—from the oldest child of the first second-generation member to the youngest child of the last second-generation member—by the numbers **3.1** through **3.28**. Although the stories of the fourth generation are not told, they are listed by name only under their parents' stories, identified—from the oldest child of the first third-generation member to the youngest child of the last third-generation member—by the numbers **4.1** through **4.74**. Adopted children, foster children, and step-children are not included in the numbering system, but are mentioned in their parents' stories.

At the end of this document, following the stories of Peter's descendants, I am also including what information I have been able to find about three generations of Peter's ancestors.

Sources of Information

I have used the following sources to put together these stories: census records; birth, marriage, divorce, and death records; military records; business, city, and school directories; obituaries; personal journals, diaries, and histories; and newspaper accounts. I have not included citations in this publication, but anyone wishing to ask about documentation of any specific details can email their questions to orphanslegacy@gmail.com.

Some facts have come from other people's family group sheets that don't have documentation attached. I have tried to identify these instances by making it clear that the account is probably true but lacks documented proof.

Some facts, while not actually documented, come from conclusions I have reached through a combination of several documents. While I realize that some of these conclusions might possibly be in error, I am quite confident in my analyses, but still welcome others to dispute my findings.

The Publication of This Document

In the interest of disseminating family history, I am offering this book in a digital version in order to make it freely accessible to anyone who wishes to view it. My hope is to distribute it to as many Christensen descendants as possible, inviting them to contact me with suggestions for any additions or corrections they think might be helpful for a future version. Suggestions may be emailed to orphanslegacy@gmail.com.

In the future, I hope to publish a second edition, including any additions or corrections I decide to incorporate into the original version.



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First Generation

1.1. Peter Christian Christensen

Peter Christian Christensen's birth name was Hans Peter Christensen. Orphaned at the age of three, he probably didn't know his full birth name, and during his early life he was known by his middle name, Peter. He spent part of his childhood living with the family of Jon Forsgren. He later lived with the family of Abner Lowry, at which time he was known as Pete Lowry. Family histories that have been passed down say that when he was planning to be married he found among his parents' old possessions a family Bible giving his father's name as Christian Christensen, so he took Christensen as his last name and Christian as his middle name. Some histories also say there was an old mattress with the names Christian Christensen and Caron written on it, which he assumed to be his parents' names, although other documentation now shows that those were alternate spellings of his grandparents' names. Many old family histories and records—including his death certificate—say that his mother's name was Caroline, although we now know that was not the case.

(Hans) Peter was born August 17, 1849, in Copenhagen, Denmark, to Christian Christensen and Margrethe Hansdatter. The usual naming convention in Denmark at the time was for a first-born son to be named after his paternal grandfather (Christen Christiansen), so he should have been named Christen Christensen; but as his parents were not married at the time of his birth, he was named after his maternal grandfather (Hans Nielsen), which was the naming convention for an illegitimate first-born son. He was christened September 16, 1849, on the same day his parents were married.

During the following years, Peter's parents were wooed into joining the Mormon church by "the Swedish Missionary," Jon Erik Forsgren, who had been recently banished from Sweden. Soon, they were preparing to cross the

ocean to settle in Utah with the Mormons. They arrived in New Orleans aboard the schooner *Forest Monarch* on March 7, 1853. Peter's mother died on March 12 and was buried on a small island near the Mississippi delta. After arriving in Saint Louis aboard the steamship *Grantover*, his brother, Johan "Jon" Erastus Christensen, died on April 2, and his father died on April 3. They were buried in paupers' graves in Wesleyan Cemetery and Saint Louis City Cemetery, respectively. Peter arrived in Salt Lake City in the John Forsgren Company on September 30, 1853, and later settled in Sanpete County, Utah, where many of the early Danish Mormon immigrants made their homes.

Peter was married to Mary Mallinson on January 29, 1872, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. Mary was born July 21, 1853, in Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire, England, to Edward Mallinson and Ophelia Turner. She arrived in New York with her parents aboard the ship *General McClellan* on June 23, 1864. They arrived in Salt Lake City in the Joseph S. Rawlins Company on September 20, 1864. Mary died on August 31, 1927 in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah.

Peter was naturalized on either October 11, 1881, or April 11, 1882. There are two different newspaper accounts each giving a different date; perhaps one date was for the original application and the other for the final acceptance.

Peter owned a general store and a sawmill for a time in Moroni, which made him quite well-to-do for a while. He believed in helping his neighbors, but many townspeople took great advantage of his kindness and generosity, and he was forced to close his businesses due to difficulties arising from his overextending credit to his customers. He then served as the Postmaster in Moroni. When he retired from that position in 1915, it was taken over by his son, Randall Christensen (2.8).

In 1919, Peter and Mary's granddaughter, Mary Berniece Christensen (3.3), came to live with them after the death of her mother, Mary Fechser Christensen.

Peter died on December 19, 1928, in Moroni, and is buried with Mary in Moroni City Cemetery.

The following children were born to Peter Christian Christensen and Mary Mallinson:

- 2.1.** Edward Christian Christensen (born 2/2/1873; died 12/26/1901)
- 2.2.** Peter Angelo Christensen (born 4/27/1875; married Maren Regina Fehser 12/24/1902; died 10/1/1924)
- 2.3.** Blanche Ophelia Christensen (born 6/7/1878; married Oliver Eugene Eliason 2/13/1899; died 11/25/1957)
- 2.4.** Ernest Raymond Christensen (born 7/12/1881; married Crilla Ethelyn Candland 6/27/1911; died 2/16/1958)
- 2.5.** Hannah Caroline Christensen (born 11/11/1883; married [1] John Raymond Blackham 10/18/1905; married [2] Arthur Francis Coombs 2/7/1945; married [3] Edgar Thomas Reid 3/20/1952; died 10/12/1973)
- 2.6.** Nelson Howard Christensen (born 3/23/1887; died 6/26/1973)
- 2.7.** Mary Viola Christensen (born 7/14/1890; married [1] Perry Taylor Warren 12/30/1913; married [2] Oren Draper 3/13/1929; married [3] second time to Perry Taylor Warren 12/23/1932; died 3/18/1967)
- 2.8.** Randall Christensen (born 5/12/1893; married Ida Belle Gledhill 10/11/1916; died 3/2/1928)
- 2.9.** Frank James Christensen (born 10/20/1895; married Violet Fiack 3/23/1925 [or 7/25/1925]; died 11/12/1968)



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Second Generation

2.1. Edward Christian Christensen

Edward “Ed” Christian Christensen was born February 2, 1873, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Peter Christian Christensen (1.1) and Mary Mallinson. At the time of his death, he was working as the treasurer of Sanpete County. He died unmarried at the age of 29, the morning after celebrating at a late-night Christmas dance. He died December 26, 1901, of a probable hemorrhage of the lungs, in Moroni, and he was buried December 28, 1901, in Moroni City Cemetery.

2.2. Peter Angelo Christensen

Peter Angelo Christensen was born April 27, 1875, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Peter Christian Christensen (1.1) and Mary Mallinson. As an adult, he was mostly called by his middle name, Angelo (or Ange for short), perhaps to distinguish him from his father.

Angelo was married to Maren “Mary” Regina Fehser on December 24, 1902, in Mount Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah. Mary was born June 10, 1880, in Mount Pleasant to Johann Friedrich Fehser, an immigrant from Germany, and his fourth wife, Ida Christina Johnson, an immigrant from Norway. Johann’s first wife, Rosine Frederica Keyer, had died *en route* to Utah, and when Johann married Ida, he already had two plural wives, Catharine Amalie Rasmussen and Elizabeth Nielsen. Catharine and Elizabeth were much older than Ida and lived together in the same house; they were not very kind to Ida, whom they considered to be an interloper in their family, so Ida and her children lived in a separate house on the property.

Some of Angelo and Mary’s children were infected in the influenza epidemic of 1919, but all regained their health. Mary, however, was not as resilient as the children, and she died of influenza on March 19, 1919, in Mount Pleasant.

Angelo worked as a coal miner, and lived at the coal mines in Carbon County, Utah, coming home to his family in Mount Pleasant on the weekends. After the death of his wife, Angelo could not take the children to live with him at the coal mines, so the children were separated and sent to live with other family members.

On October 1, 1924, Angelo was run over by a coal car at the mine where he worked in Carbon County, and he died on his way to the hospital in Salt Lake City. Angelo and Mary are buried together in Mount Pleasant City Cemetery.

The following children were born to Peter Angelo Christensen and Maren Regina Fechser:

3.1. Theodore Angelo Christensen (born 9/18/1903; married Reba Cox 10/11/1927; died 7/11/1981)

3.2. Kenneth Ernest Christensen (born 12/24/1904; married [1] Elva Arletta Blackham 1/27/1926; married [2] Elaine Janes [date unknown]; died 3/4/1989)

3.3. Mary Berniece Christensen (born 12/9/1906; married [1] Angus Larson Blackham 6/24/1925; married [2] Denton Roy Abernathy 11/26/1949; died 10/24/1996)

3.4. Earl Glade Christensen (born 7/9/1908; married [1] Berniece [unknown maiden name] 10/4/1942; married [2] Azilee Carter 12/5/1948; married [3] Jane Shields 8/6/1953; died 10/29/1983)

3.5. Ida Irene Christensen (born 7/20/1910; married [1] Loren Garret 5/1/1929 [later divorced]; married [2] Ben LaVerl Stockham [date unknown; later divorced]; married [3] Manifold Harrington Boggs [date unknown]; died 5/23/2000)

3.6. Maiben Lee Christensen (born 4/12/1912; married Anna Beardall 12/25/1950; died 12/31/2000)

3.7. Evan Frederick Christensen (born 3/6/1914; married Pearl Marich 8/15/1940; died 8/17/2002)

3.8. Ralph Frank Christensen (born 7/21/1918; married Marie Elizabeth Millspaw 3/3/1936 [or 2/28/1939]; died 9/24/1979[?])

2.3. Blanche Ophelia Christensen

Blanche Ophelia Christensen was born June 7, 1878, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Peter Christian Christensen (1.1) and Mary Mallinson.

Blanche married Oliver Eugene Eliason on February 13, 1899, in Moroni. Oliver was born December 14, 1875, in Salt Lake City to John Eliason and Helena Larson, immigrants from Sweden. Oliver worked as a farm laborer. He died of acute lobar pneumonia on November 10, 1914, in Vermillion, Sevier, Utah.

Blanche did not remarry after the death of her husband. Her brothers Randall (2.8) and Nels (2.6) would regularly travel from Moroni to Vermillion to help her with the farm. Later, she spent six years running her own millinery shop in Manti, Sanpete, Utah, and served as Sanpete County Recorder for twelve years. Passenger records from the *S.S. Scythia* show that she visited Europe in 1934. The 1940 U.S. Census shows her living in Alameda, Alameda, California, but it is unclear whether she had moved there for a while or just happened to be visiting at the time of the census enumeration that year.

Blanche died of a myocardial infarction on November 25, 1957, at her home in Manti. Blanche and Oliver are buried together in Moroni City Cemetery.

The following children were born to Blanche Ophelia Christensen and Oliver Eugene Eliason:

3.9. Mary Ophelia Eliason (born 11/12/1899; married Russell William Draper 6/23/1920; died 11/25/1971)

3.10. Adella Eliason (born 3/21/1902; married Lester Dee Mellor 10/3/1923; died 12/29/1990)

3.11. Edward Eugene Eliason (born 9/1/1904; married Irene Anderson, 11/30/1929; died 7/5/1963)

3.12. Perry Carlton Eliason (born 12/20/1906; married Ada Jensen 2/20/1929; died 11/19/1973)

3.13. Galand R. Eliason (born 12/24/1909; died 6/29/1926)

3.14. Chesley D. Eliason (born 8/11/1912; married [1] Reva Beck 1/10/1937; married [2] Vivian [unknown maiden name]; died 3/21/1973)

2.4. Ernest Raymond Christensen

Ernest Raymond Christensen was born July 12, 1881, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Peter Christian Christensen (1.1) and Mary Mallinson.

Ernest married Crilla Ethelyn “Ethel” Candland on June 27, 1911, in Chester, Sanpete, Utah; their marriage was recorded in Salt Lake County. Ethel was born January 31, 1888, to Frederick H. Candland and Mariam Amilla Allred. She died of bronchopneumonia on July 26, 1957, in Salt Lake City.

Ernest and Ethel spent most of their married life in Chester, where Ernest worked as a farmer and Ethel was a school teacher.

Ernest and Ethel did not have any children of their own, but their nephews, Kenneth Ernest Christensen (3.2) and Ralph Frank Christensen (3.8), came to live with them after the death of their mother, Mary Fehser Christensen, in 1919.

Ernest died of chronic myocarditis February 16, 1958, in Mount Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah. Ernest and Ethel are buried together in Spring City Cemetery in Spring City, Sanpete, Utah.

2.5. Hannah Caroline Christensen

Hannah Caroline “Daisy” Christensen was born November 11, 1883, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Peter Christian Christensen (1.1) and Mary Mallinson.

Daisy married John Raymond Blackham on October 18, 1905, in Manti, Sanpete, Utah. John was born September 12, 1884, in Moroni to John Blackham and Matilda J. Larson. Daisy and John remained in Moroni, where he worked not only as a farmer, but also as a salesman and delivery man for the Zion's Cooperative Mercantile Institution, where he and Daisy met. John also served as Mayor and several terms as City Councilman in Moroni. John died on April 20, 1932, of septic meningitis, which he contracted while undergoing surgery to remove a tumor that may have developed from an old childhood injury that occurred when he fell out of a barn. After John's death, Daisy ran a small cloth and hat shop out of her home known as the Frock Shop.

Daisy married thrice-widowed Arthur Francis Coombs on February 7, 1945, in Salt Lake City, but they were divorced about a year later. Arthur was born September 17, 1870, in Payson, Utah, to Isaiah M. Coombs from Ohio and Fanny McLean from England. Arthur worked as a railroad agent, as a bookkeeper, and as an accountant in Salt Lake City. Arthur died of generalized arteriosclerotic heart disease with cerebral vascular accident on December 4, 1950, in Salt Lake City. He is buried in Salt Lake City Cemetery next to his second and third wives, Estelle Taylor and Sarah Elizabeth Layton [Taylor]. His first wife, Editha Ann Morley is buried in Moroni City Cemetery.

Daisy was married again on March 20, 1952, in Salt Lake City to twice-widowed Edgar Thomas Reid. Edgar was born March 31, 1877, in Manti, to William Taylor Reid, an immigrant from Northern Ireland, and Mary Adelaide Cox, the second wife in a plural marriage. Edgar worked as a school teacher and school superintendent in Manti, as well as being a farmer. Edgar died on September 19, 1955, in Salt Lake City, and is buried in Manti Cemetery next to his first two wives, Ida Farnsworth and Agnes Mary Hoggan.

During the influenza epidemic of 1919, Daisy acted as caregiver for her sister-in-law, Mary Fechser Christensen, in addition to taking care of five young children of her own and other neighbors suffering from influenza. Daisy's niece, Irene Christensen (3.5), came to live with Daisy's family after Irene's mother died.

In her later years, Daisy worked in the shoe department of the Zion's Cooperative Mercantile Institution.

Daisy died October 12, 1973, in Salt Lake City. Daisy and John are buried together in Moroni City Cemetery.

The following children were born to Hannah Caroline Christensen and John Raymond Blackham:

3.15. Daisy Beulah Blackham (born 7/25/1906; died 8/12/1906)

3.16. Raymond Edgel Blackham (born 10/29/1907; married Grace Sorensen 5/31/1928; died 8/23/1970)

3.17. John Howard Blackham (born 11/25/1909; married Bertha Jensen 7/16/1941; died 8/31/1992)

3.18. Paul Emerald Blackham (born 4/5/1913; married Jacquelyn Shand 12/27/1936; died 3/30/1988)

3.19. Eugene Christensen Blackham (born 6/6/1915; married Rheta Andersen 1944; died 12/12/2002)

3.20. Mary Jewel Blackham (born 6/5/1921; married Keith Reed Vollantine 11/3/1945; died 7/30/2002)

2.6. Nelson Howard Christensen

Nelson “Nels” Howard Christensen was born March 23, 1887, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Peter Christian Christensen (1.1) and Mary Mallinson.

Nels joined the military during World War I, but never served overseas. He enlisted July 24, 1918, and was discharged May 15, 1919, as a Private First Class.

Nels worked as a sheep shearer. He spent most of his life in Moroni, but also spent some time in Idaho.

It appears that Nels never married. On his World War II draft registration, he listed his brother Ernest as the person who would always know his address.

Nels died on June 26, 1973, in Moroni, and is buried in Moroni City Cemetery.

2.7. Mary Viola Christensen

Mary Viola Christensen was born July 14, 1890, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Peter Christian Christensen (1.1) and Mary Mallinson.

Mary married Perry Taylor Warren on December 30, 1913, in Manti, Sanpete, Utah. Perry was born November 14, 1886, to Harvey Leroy Warren and Elizabeth A. Buchanan. Different records give different birth places for Perry, including Loa, Wayne, Utah; Lyman, Wayne, Utah; and Huston, Canyon, Idaho. Perry worked during his early years in mining, then later worked as a plumber. Perry died December 7, 1950, in Tigard, Washington, Oregon.

Mary and Perry probably divorced in the 1920s, and Mary married widower Oren Draper on March 13, 1929, in Nephi, Juab, Utah. Oren was born May 24, 1866, in Spanish Fork, Utah, Utah, to William Draper Junior and Mary

Ann Manhardt. Oren worked as a farmer for most of his life. He died on July 7, 1943, in Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho, and is buried with his first wife, Mary Elizabeth Taylor, in Carey Cemetery in Carey, Blaine, Idaho.

The marriage between Mary and Oren was short-lived. In the 1930 U.S. Census, Mary and her children were living with Oren Draper, but Mary remarried Perry Taylor Warren on December 23, 1932, in Weber County, Utah.

During the Second World War, Mary worked at the George White Service Center in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, a service center catering to soldiers. When her son, Jack Leroy Warren, was killed in the service, she said, "The boys at George White's were especially wonderful to me at that time." An article in the *Oregon Journal* about her, titled "The Little Woman They Call Shorty," reported that when the end of the war was announced, she left her half-eaten dinner so she could join "her boys" at the center during their hour of glory.

Mary died on March 18, 1967, in Multnomah County, Oregon, and she and Perry are buried together in Crescent Grove Cemetery in Tigard, Washington, Oregon.

The following children were born to Mary Viola Christensen and Perry Taylor Warren:

3.21. Mae Viola Warren (born 5/8/1912; married Henry Frank Walker 8/22/1935; died 1/28/1978)

3.22. Jack Leroy Warren (born 11/3/1914; died 6/10/1942)

3.23. Dean Perry Warren (born 10/31/1916; married [1] Lavon Florence Lettenmaier 11/3/1943 [divorced 8/1/1966]; married [2] Virginia Kilgore 12/13/1973 [divorced 8/28/1978]; married [3] Clara Miller Cortez 3/2/1979 [divorced 1/4/1980]; married [4] Ruby Stoliby 8/27/1982 [divorced 11/23/1982]; died 9/28/2004)

3.24. Donald Lorenzo Warren (born 5/14/1922; married Lillian Katherine Johnson 5/20/1945; died 8/17/1952)

2.8. Randall Christensen

Randall Christensen was born May 12, 1893, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Peter Christian Christensen (1.1) and Mary Mallinson.

Randall married Ida Belle Gledhill on October 11, 1916, in Manti, Sanpete, Utah. Ida was born January 28, 1896, in Vermillion, Sevier, Utah, to Thomas Gledhill, an immigrant from England, and Lillie Belle Ivie. Randall had met Ida at a dance in Vermillion when he and his brother Nels (2.6) would travel from Moroni to Vermillion to help their sister Blanche (2.3) with her farm after she was widowed. Several years after Randall's death, Ida married widower Christian LeRoy Buchanan on June 1, 1936, in Richfield, Sevier, Utah. Christian was born January 3, 1891, in Glenwood, Sevier, Utah, to Archibald Walter Buchanan and Mary Peterson. Christian worked as a farmer. He died November 3, 1975, in Saint George, Washington, Utah, from the effects of a massive stroke three years earlier. Ida lived a long life and died on June 14, 1982, in Richfield, Sevier, Utah. When her funeral procession arrived at Richfield City Cemetery, they discovered that the grave had been dug in the wrong place, so it took a bit longer for her to be buried next to Randall. Ida was a diligent family historian, and she left her legacy in *Quietly Going About Their Business*, an extensive history of both the Gledhill and the Christensen families.

After his father retired as the Postmaster in Moroni, Randall took over the position. While he was serving as Postmaster, Randall replaced the old frame building with a brick structure. Ida worked at the Post Office also, but when Randall's widowed sister Blanche (2.3) was facing hard times, Ida stepped down so that Blanche's daughter Adella (3.10) could take the job and come live with them.

In 1919, Randall left his job as Postmaster, and they moved to the new town of McCornick, Millard, Utah, to farm 80 acres. During that time, their nephew Evan Frederick Christensen (3.7) came to live with them after the death of his mother, Mary Fechser Christensen. He stayed with them until he was old enough for Junior High School, when he went to live with his sister Berniece (3.3) and her family. Their nephew Galand R. Eliason (3.13) also came to stay with them during several summers. They didn't have their own children for several years, so they made up for it by having other young relatives stay with them.

After a severe hailstorm destroyed their crops one year, they were forced to sell the farm and move to Richfield, Sevier, Utah, where Randall worked at a Maytag shop, reconditioning used washing machines. The fumes from the strong chemicals used in the reconditioning process irritated the lining of his lungs, and on March 2, 1928, he died of bilateral pneumonia caused from inhaling the chemical fumes. Randall and Ida are buried together in Richfield City Cemetery.

The following children were born to Randall Christensen and Ida Belle Gledhill:

3.25. Mary Christensen (born 8/19/1923; married Keith R. Hooper 5/12/1942; died 6/8/1996)

3.26. Thomas Randall Christensen (born 9/13/1925; married Dezra June Leavitt 11/18/1946; died 7/17/2005)

3.27. Randa Rae Christensen (born 11/3/1928; married Robert Smith Melville 6/17/1949)

2.9. Frank James Christensen

Frank James Christensen was born October 20, 1895, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Peter Christian Christensen (**1.1**) and Mary Mallinson. Some online family trees show his name as Frank James Christensen, and most records show him as Frank J. or as Frank Jay. The web site of his grandnephew Randall Lloyd Christensen (**4.62**) identifies him as Frank James, so I am accepting that as correct.

Frank married Violet Fiack in 1925, perhaps in two different ceremonies. There is a Colorado marriage index that shows them being married on March 23 in Glenwood Springs, Garfield, Colorado; and several Utah marriage records showing them being married on July 25 in Castle Dale, Emery, Utah. Violet was born February 17, 1892, in Price, Carbon, Utah, to German immigrant Henry Fiack and Sarah Downard. Before her marriage to Frank, Violet had been married and divorced from Edmund Thomas Olson, and she brought two children into her marriage to Frank, Gloria Olson and Delbert Edmund Olson. Violet's first husband, Edmund, was twenty-eight years older than she, and had been once widowed and once divorced before

his marriage to her, but he appears not to have remarried after his divorce from Violet. Edmund died on October 6, 1953, in Los Angeles. Violet died June 23, 1964, in a nursing home in Bountiful, Davis, Utah.

Frank served in the U.S. Army at Camp Zachary Taylor in Louisville, Jefferson, Kentucky, during World War I, inducted June 5, 1918, and discharged September 2, 1919. After that, he worked as a coal miner, then later as a crane operator.

Frank died November 12, 1968, in Salt Lake City. Frank and Violet are buried in Valley View Memorial Park in Salt Lake City.

The following daughter was born to Frank James Christensen and Violet Fiack:

3.28. Clarice Josephine Christensen (born 5/18/1927; married Earl Eugene Markham 11/28/1947; died 4/15/2001)



An Orphan's Legacy

Third Generation

3.1. Theodore Angelo Christensen

Theodore “Ted” Angelo Christensen was born September 18, 1903, in Mount Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah, to Peter Angelo Christensen (2.2) and Maren “Mary” Regina Fechser.

Ted’s father, Angelo, worked in the coal mines in Carbon County, Utah. Feeling that the coal fields were not a good place for children to grow up, Angelo lived in the mining camp and came home to Mount Pleasant only on the weekends. When Ted’s mother died during the influenza epidemic of 1919, the children were split up and sent to live with various family members. Being the oldest, Ted was given the choice of living with his father in the mining camp, but he opted to move onto the farm of his uncle Andrew Oscar Madsen and aunt Rozena Evena Fechser Madsen. Ted’s cousin, Evan Andrew Madsen, was close to his age, and the two of them were like brothers.

Ted was a Mormon missionary in Arizona when he received word that his father had died in 1924. He was counselled to remain in the mission field rather than come home for the funeral. He was told later that one of the most beautiful wreaths at his father’s funeral was supplied by the families of some Japanese miners with whom he had shared food every payday while the Japanese miners were unemployed.

After returning from his mission, Ted went to Salt Lake City, and boarded with the family of one of his fellow missionaries, Dorothy Cox. It was there that he met Dorothy’s sister, Reba “Becky” Cox. Ted and Becky were married on October 11, 1927, in Salt Lake City. Becky was born August 6, 1909, to William Moroni Cox and Minnie Josephine Burgon, in Union, Salt Lake, Utah. Becky was a talented pianist and dedicated much of her life to teaching piano. She spent the final years of her life helping to care for her sister Melba. Becky died on October 7, 1999, in Salt Lake City.

Ted and Becky began their married life in Baker, Oregon, where their first son was born, but soon moved back to Utah, where their other two sons were born. In 1940, Ted was offered a position with the United States Bureau of Mines. In 1950, he was transferred to Denver, when he was appointed Chief of the Administrative Division for the Bureau of Mines Regional Office in the Rocky Mountain States, and they spent the rest of their lives together in Denver.

Ted died July 11, 1981, in Denver. Ted and Becky are buried together in Murray City Cemetery in Murray, Salt Lake, Utah.

The following sons were born to Theodore Angelo Christensen and Reba Cox:

- 4.1. Theodore "Ted" Paul Christensen
- 4.2. John Robert "Bob" Christensen
- 4.3. David Clair Christensen

3.2. Kenneth Ernest Christensen

Kenneth Ernest Christensen was born December 24, 1904, in Clear Creek, Carbon, Utah, to Peter Angelo Christensen (2.2) and Maren "Mary" Regina Fehser.

Kenneth's father, Angelo, worked in the coal mines in Carbon County. Feeling that the coal fields were not a good place for children to grow up, Angelo lived in the mining camp and came home to Mount Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah, only on the weekends. When Kenneth's mother died during the influenza epidemic of 1919, the children were split up and sent to live with various family members. Kenneth and his brother Ralph Frank (3.8) went to live with their uncle Ernest Raymond Christensen (2.4) and aunt Crilla Ethelyn Candland Christensen.

Kenneth married Elva Arletta Blackham on January 27, 1926, in Manti, Sanpete, Utah. Elva was born September 13, 1904, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Hyrum Blackham Senior and Arletta Morley. She died of a cerebral embolism on November 12, 1964, in Salt Lake City.

The 1940 United States Census shows the family living in Ely, White Pine, Nevada, with Kenneth working as a carpenter. They moved back to Utah some time before 1957, when the Salt Lake City Directory shows them living in Salt Lake with him working as a carpenter.

After Elva's death, Kenneth married Elaine Janes on June 1, 1978, in Salt Lake City. Elaine was born May 9, 1925, in Ogden, Weber, Utah, to Edward Vincent Janes and Blanche Marian Tracy, and grew up in Idaho Falls, Bonneville, Idaho. Prior to her marriage to Kenneth, Elaine had been previously married in 1960 to Glenn Davis Larson, a divorcé with three children, but was divorced in 1964. Elaine worked as a licensed practical nurse. After Kenneth's death in 1989, she remained in Salt Lake City for a short while, but returned to Idaho Falls before her death on January 4, 2007. She is buried in Iona Cemetery in Iona, Bonneville, Idaho.

Kenneth died on March 4, 1989, in Salt Lake City. Kenneth and Elva are buried together in Murray City Cemetery in Murray, Salt Lake, Utah.

The following children were born to Kenneth Ernest Christensen and Elva Arletta Blackham:

4.4. Colleen Elva Christensen

4.5. Kenneth Glade Christensen

4.6. Gary Christensen

3.3. Mary Berniece Christensen

Mary Berniece Christensen, commonly known by her middle name, Berniece, was born December 9, 1906, in Clear Creek, Carbon, Utah, to Peter Angelo Christensen (2.2) and Maren "Mary" Regina Fechser.

Berniece's father, Angelo, worked in the coal mines in Carbon County. Feeling that the coal fields were not a good place for children to grow up, Angelo lived in the mining camp and came home to Mount Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah, only on the weekends. When Berniece's mother died during the influenza epidemic of 1919, the children were split up and sent to live with various family members. Berniece went to live with her grandparents, Peter Christian Christensen (1.1) and Mary Mallinson Christensen.

Berniece married Angus Larson Blackham on June 24, 1925, in Salt Lake City. Angus was born July 30, 1897, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Samuel Blackham and Annie Sophie Larson. After Berniece and Angus's marriage, they moved to White Pine County, Nevada, and all their children were born there. Angus worked as a carpenter for the Kennecott Copper Corporation, as well as doing a lot of carpentry work at home in his garage. He died on October 15, 1944, in Ruth, White Pine, Nevada, of a coronary occlusion.

After Angus died, Berniece worked as a bookkeeper at Sam Tidball's Store in Ely, White Pine, Nevada. Berniece married Denton Roy Abernathy on November 26, 1949, in Ely. At the time of their wedding, Denton was working as a switchman for the Kennecott Copper Corporation, but later attended barber school in Arizona and worked for twenty years as a barber in Las Vegas. Denton was born March 27, 1913, in Cambridge, Washington, Idaho, to William Henry Harrison Abernathy and Goldie Martin. After Denton suffered a stroke in 1991, they moved to the home of Berniece's son, Angus Udell Blackham (4.7), in Orem, Utah, Utah. Denton died July 26, 1995, in Orem and is buried in Bunkers Eden Vale Cemetery in Las Vegas.

Berniece died October 24, 1996, in Orem. Berniece and Angus are buried together in Moroni City Cemetery.

The following children were born to Mary Berniece Christensen and Angus Larson Blackham:

4.7. Angus Udell Blackham

4.8. Mary Aileen Blackham

4.9. Samuel Max Blackham

3.4. Earl Glade Christensen

Earl Glade Christensen was born July 9, 1908, in Clear Creek, Carbon, Utah, to Peter Angelo Christensen (2.2) and Maren "Mary" Regina Fechsler.

Earl's father, Angelo, worked in the coal mines in Carbon County. Feeling that the coal fields were not a good place for children to grow up, Angelo lived in the mining camp and came home to Mount Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah, only on the weekends. When Earl's mother died during the influenza epidemic of 1919, the children were split up and sent to live with various family members. Earl went to live with his uncle Andrew Emil Sorensen and aunt Ella Menetta Fechsler Sorensen. After the death of his uncle Andrew in 1922, he continued living with his aunt Ella and then with her and her second husband, Emil Hasler, whom she married in 1927.

Earl married his first wife, Berniece Cooper, on October 4, 1942, in Washoe County, Nevada. She appeared in an earlier city directory as "Mrs. Berniece Cooper," so it can be assumed that she had been previously married. Berniece

was born about 1910, and her maiden name is unknown. There are no records to indicate whether the marriage between Earl and Berniece ended in divorce or in Berniece's death.

Earl married his second wife, Azilee Carter, on December 5, 1948, in Sparks, Washoe, Nevada. Azilee was born November 15, 1913, in Cartersville, Bartow, Georgia, to Louis Carter and Sarah Elizabeth Emery. Azilee died barely three years into their marriage on December 17, 1951, in Reno, Washoe, Nevada. Her body was transported back to Georgia to be buried in West Hill Cemetery, Dalton, Whitfield, Georgia.

Earl married his third wife, Jane Shields, on August 6, 1953, in Carson City, Nevada. Jane was born September 18, 1922, in Tonopah, Nye, Nevada, to Robert Emmett Shields and Gertrude Antoniazzi. Jane had been previously married on June 22, 1944, to Sergeant Orris Howard Hemenway, who was serving as an instructor in the machine gun school at Tonopah Army Air Field. Jane and Orris had one daughter, Pamela Jean Hemenway, and were later divorced. Jane brought her daughter into the marriage with Earl. Earl later adopted Pamela, and she became known as Pamela Jean Christensen. Jane died on May 6, 1979, in Reno, Washoe, Nevada, and is buried there in Masonic Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Earl died October 29, 1983, in Sparks, Washoe, Nevada. He is buried in the Mount Pleasant City Cemetery.

Earl had no children of his own, but his nephew Kenneth Glade Christensen (4.5) was always known by his middle name, Glade, in honor of Earl Glade.

3.5. Ida Irene Christensen

Ida Irene Christensen, more commonly known by her middle name, Irene, was born July 20, 1910, in Mount Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah, to Peter Angelo Christensen (2.2) and Maren "Mary" Regina Fechser. There is some disagreement as to whether her name was Irene Ida or Ida Irene, but most official documents, including her birth certificate, give her name as Ida Irene.

Irene's father, Angelo, worked in the coal mines in Carbon County, Utah. Feeling that the coal fields were not a good place for children to grow up, Angelo lived in the mining camp and came home to Mount Pleasant only on the weekends. When Irene's mother died during the influenza epidemic

of 1919, the children were split up and sent to live with various family members. Irene went to live with her uncle John Raymond Blackham and aunt Hannah Caroline “Daisy” Christensen Blackham (2.5).

Irene married her first husband, Loren Garrett, on May 1, 1929, in Provo, Utah, Utah. Loren was born January 12, 1905, in Nephi, Juab, Utah, to Charles Henry Garrett and Emma Eliza Hawkins. Irene and Loren had one daughter, but were soon divorced. In the year after their marriage, the 1930 United States Census shows Loren living with his parents and Irene living with her aunt and uncle again. Loren died on December 16, 1993, in Nephi, where he is buried along with his second wife, Stella Anderson Garrett, in Vine Bluff Cemetery.

Soon after her divorce, Irene married her second husband, Ben Laverl Stockham. Ben was born December 27, 1906, in Union, Salt Lake, Utah, to Roy Lewis Stockham and Sophia Johnson. Ben and Irene had one daughter, but soon divorced. Ben died on June 13, 1950, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and is buried in Rigby, Jefferson, Idaho, along with his second wife, Lola Call Stockham Lindquist, in Rigby Pioneer Cemetery.

After her second divorce, Irene married Manifold Harrington Boggs Senior. Manifold was born November 19, 1901, in Las Animas, Bent, Colorado, to Wilbur Smith Boggs and Ella Almire Harrington. Manifold had been married and divorced from Leota Marion Yargas, with whom he had two children, Marietta Ella Boggs and Manifold Harrington Boggs Junior. Although there are no military records for Manifold, he may have been a military contractor during World War II. He is seen on several passenger lists on trips that seem to be of a military nature, including a voyage aboard the *S.S. Yarmouth* in July 1943 where the port of departure is listed as “Secret.” Manifold died on January 16, 1974, in Biggs, Butte, California.

Irene died on May 23, 2000, in Carson City. The cremated remains of Irene and Manifold are inurned together at Waltons Chapel of the Valley Cemetery in Carson City.

The following daughter was born to Ida Irene Christensen and Loren Garrett:

4.10. Loreen Garrett

The following daughter was born to Ida Irene Christensen and Ben Laverl Stockham:

4.11. Benita Hellene Stockham

3.6. Maiben Lee Christensen

Maiben Lee Christensen was born April 12, 1912, in Mount Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah, to Peter Angelo Christensen (2.2) and Maren “Mary” Regina Fechser.

Maiben’s father, Angelo, worked in the coal mines in Carbon County, Utah. Feeling that the coal fields were not a good place for children to grow up, Angelo lived in the mining camp and came home to Mount Pleasant only on the weekends. When Maiben’s mother died during the influenza epidemic of 1919, the children were split up and sent to live with various family members. Maiben went to live with his uncle James Christopher Fechser and aunt Emilia Elsin Olsen Fechser.

During World War II, Maiben was in the United States Army. He enlisted September 21, 1942, served in the Signal Corps in the South Pacific, and was discharged November 24, 1945.

Maiben married Anna Beardall on December 25, 1950, in Salt Lake City. Anna was born February 20, 1911, in Springville, Utah, Utah, to George Levell Beardall and Emma Eliza Childs. Until the time of her marriage, Anna worked as a home economics teacher. Anna died on November 3, 2005, in Utah.

Maiben spent his career working in various positions for Mountain Bell in Provo, Utah, Utah.

Maiben died December 31, 2000, in Salt Lake City. Maiben and Anna are buried together in Evergreen Cemetery in Springville.

The following son was born to Maiben Lee Christensen and Anna Beardall:

4.12. Warren Maiben Christensen

3.7. Evan Frederick Christensen

Evan Frederick Christensen was born March 6, 1914, in Mount Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah, to Peter Angelo Christensen (2.2) and Maren “Mary” Regina Fechsler.

Evan’s father, Angelo, worked in the coal mines in Carbon County, Utah. Feeling that the coal fields were not a good place for children to grow up, Angelo lived in the mining camp and came home to Mount Pleasant only on the weekends. When Evan’s mother died during the influenza epidemic of 1919, the children were split up and sent to live with various family members. Evan went to live with his uncle Randall Christensen (2.8) and aunt Ida Belle Gledhill Christensen; but, curiously, he does not appear in the 1920 United States Census with Randall and Ida’s family.

Ida Belle Gledhill’s family history, *Quietly Going About Their Business*, reports that when Evan was old enough for junior high school he went to live with his sister Berniece Christensen Blackham (3.3) and brother-in-law Angus Larsen Blackham. At the time of the 1930 United States Census, he was living in the home of his brother Theodore Angelo Christensen (3.1) and sister-in-law Reba Cox Christensen. At the time of the 1940 United States Census he was once again living with Berniece and Angus Blackham.

Evan married Pearl Marich on August 15, 1940, which is the date given in his obituary. The coding on the 1940 Census, enumerated on April 16, gave his marital status as “self-reporting as married, but no spouse present,” so they might have been married earlier than August 15, but Evan probably gave his status in anticipation of his upcoming wedding. Pearl gave her marital status as single in that census. Pearl was born July 15, 1920, in Ruth, White Pine, Nevada, to Austro-Hungarian immigrants Jandre “Andrew” Marich and Sava “Sophie” Lovrich. Pearl died on March 14, 2001, in Sparks, Washoe, Nevada.

In his younger years, Evan worked on the building of the Hoover Dam. He enlisted in the United States Army on August 26, 1944, and was discharged on August 3, 1946. After their marriage, Evan and Pearl lived in White Pine County, Nevada, where Evan worked for Kennecott Copper, and they later moved to Sparks, Washoe, Nevada, where Evan worked as a plumber. Both Evan and Pearl were avid bowlers.

Evan died on August 17, 2002, in Chico, Butte, California. Evan and Pearl are buried together in Mountain View Cemetery in Reno.

The following sons were born to Evan Frederick Christensen and Pearl Marich:

4.13. James Randall Christensen

4.14. Robert E. Christensen

3.8. Ralph Frank Christensen

Ralph Frank Christensen was born July 21, 1918, in Mount Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah, to Peter Angelo Christensen (2.2) and Maren “Mary” Regina Fehser.

Ralph’s father, Angelo, worked in the coal mines in Carbon County, Utah. Feeling that the coal fields were not a good place for children to grow up, Angelo lived in the mining camp and came home to Mount Pleasant only on the weekends. When Ralph’s mother died during the influenza epidemic of 1919, the children were split up and sent to live with various family members. Ralph and his brother Kenneth Ernest (3.2) went to live with his uncle Ernest Raymond Christensen (2.4) and aunt Crilla Ethelyn Candland Christensen.

Ralph married Marie Elizabeth Millspaw in Ogden, Utah, Utah. Some records give the marriage date as March 3, 1936; others give the date as February 28, 1939. Marie was born October 1, 1917, in Saint Joseph, Buchanan, Missouri, to George Washington Millspaw and Mary Lucinda Morgan. Marie died April 11, 2007, in Lake Havasu City, Mohave, Arizona.

No record could be found of Ralph’s death, but several online trees give his death date as September 24, 1979, and place of death as Carson City, Nevada; and the obituary of his brother Maiben Lee Christensen (3.6), who died December 31, 2000, says that Maiben was preceded in death by his brother Ralph. One second-cousin has shared a personal memory that Ralph died after suffering a heart attack while visiting his sister Ida Irene Christensen Boggs (3.5) in Carson City.

The following children were born to Ralph Frank Christensen and Marie Elizabeth Millspaw:

4.15. Rose Marie Christensen

4.16. Roger Frank Christensen

3.9. Mary Ophelia Eliason

Mary Ophelia Eliason, usually known by her middle name, Ophelia, was born November 12, 1899, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Oliver Eugene Eliason and Blanche Ophelia Christensen (2.3).

Ophelia married Russell William Draper on June 23, 1920, in Manti, Sanpete, Utah. Russell was born January 11, 1899, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Kimball Draper and Cynthia Down. He died October 30, 1972, in Sacramento, California.

Ophelia and Russell lived outside the continental United States during much of their married life after their son, Rue Williams Draper (4.17), was born. Passenger lists show them arriving in Honolulu, Hawaii (then a United States Territory), on February 3, 1926. They returned to the United States on June 30, 1928, but remained less than two months. They arrived in England on August 6, 1928, where they lived for nearly two decades. Their son went to school in England, graduated with a medical degree from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and served as a doctor with the British Navy during World War II. Ophelia and Russell returned to the United States on September 28, 1946. Aside from two years living in Nicaragua, Central America, from 1953 to 1955, they lived the rest of their lives in San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Sacramento, California. City directories from the time show that Russell worked at various sugar companies as a construction engineer and mechanical engineer, and that he served as city manager for a while in Lincoln, Placer, California.

Ophelia died November 25, 1971, in Sacramento.

The following son was born to Mary Ophelia Eliason and Russell William Draper:

4.17. Rue Williams Draper

3.10. Adella Eliason

Adella Eliason, also known as Mingie, was born March 21, 1902, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Oliver Eugene Eliason and Blanche Ophelia Christensen (2.3).

Adella married Lester Dee Mellor on October 3, 1923, in Manti, Sanpete, Utah. Lester and his twin brother, Leslie Lee Mellor, were born May 28, 1898, in Fayette, Sanpete, Utah, to John Carlos Mellor and Eva Charlotte

Dack. Lester was inducted into the United States Army less than a month before the end of World War I, on October 14, 1918, and was honorably discharged shortly thereafter. Lester spent most of his life, along with his brothers, working on his father's sheep and cattle ranch and farm. Lester died September 25, 1987, in Gunnison, Sanpete, Utah.

Adella worked as the Assistant Postmaster in Moroni when her Uncle Randall was the Moroni Postmaster. After graduating from business college, she worked for the Sanpete County Court House, the Federal Land Bank of Berkeley, and the Sanpete County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Adella died December 29, 1990, in South Jordan, Salt Lake, Utah. Adella and Lester are buried together in Manti Cemetery.

The following children were born to Adella Eliason and Lester Dee Mellor:

4.18. Marcile Mellor

4.19. Mary Marie Mellor

4.20. Lester Eliason Mellor

3.11. Edward Eugene Eliason

Edward Eugene Eliason was born September 1, 1904, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Oliver Eugene Eliason and Blanche Ophelia Christensen (2.3).

Edward married Irene Anderson on November 30, 1929, in Salt Lake City. They were divorced in 1939. Irene was born July 4, 1911, in Mayfield, Sanpete, Utah, to Louis H. Anderson and Annie Caroline Jacobsen. Irene married a few more times after her divorce from Edward. She married Curtis A. Tucker on December 28, 1940, in Salt Lake City, but later divorced. Curtis died on July 15, 1947, in Salt Lake City. Irene married Donald D. Dirkson on April 9, 1950, in Clark County, Nevada, and had one son with him, Richard Dennis Dirkson. Donald died on April 24, 1987. Shortly after being widowed, Irene married Hugo Julius Spitzer Junior. Hugo died not long after their marriage, on July 23, 1988. Irene died May 3, 2006, in Salt Lake City. Irene and Donald Dirkson are buried together in Mountain View Memorial Estates Cemetery in Salt Lake City.

There is no evidence of Edward remarrying after his divorce from Irene. Edward served in the United States Army during World War II. Although records show him serving from December 12, 1942, to August 4, 1945, he may have been related to the military before that, as he can be seen on the passenger list of the United States Army Transport ship *Evangeline*, leaving Cristóbal, Panama Canal Zone, on May 8, 1942, and arriving in Tampa, Florida, on May 22, 1942.

Edward died on July 5, 1963, and is buried in Moroni Cemetery.

The following children were born to Edward Eugene Eliason and Irene Anderson:

4.21. Robert Eugene Eliason

4.22. Phyllis Eliason

3.12. Perry Carlton Eliason

Perry Carlton Eliason was born December 20, 1906, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Oliver Eugene Eliason and Blanche Ophelia Christensen (2.3).

Perry married Ada Jensen on February 20, 1929. Ada was born August 2, 1908, to Samuel Erastus Jensen and Emily Keller, in Manti, Sanpete, Utah. Ada was dedicated to her children and in 1964 was named Mother of the Year by the Manti Ladies Literary Club. Ada died on January 25, 1996, in Gunnison, Sanpete, Utah.

In addition to being a rancher, Perry served for fifteen years as the Director of the Manti City Bank. Perry was an avid sportsman, who served as Vice President and Manager of the Manti Fish and Game Club, and he and Ada would often go hunting and fishing together.

Perry died on November 19, 1973, in Salt Lake City. Perry and Ada are buried together in Manti City Cemetery.

The following children were born to Perry Carlton Eliason and Ada Jensen:

4.23. Joanne Eliason

4.24. Joyce L. Eliason

4.25. John Perry Eliason

3.13. Galand R. Eliason

Galand R. Eliason was born December 24, 1909, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Oliver Eugene Eliason and Blanche Ophelia Christensen (2.3).

Galand died of a cerebral abscess on June 29, 1926, in Manti, Sanpete, Utah. He is buried in Moroni City Cemetery.

3.14. Chesley D. Eliason

Chesley D. Eliason was born August 11, 1912, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Oliver Eugene Eliason and Blanche Ophelia Christensen (2.3).

Chesley married Reva Beck on January 10, 1937, in Salt Lake County, Utah. The date for this marriage comes from the Utah Select Marriage Index, but they were listed as husband and wife in the 1936 City Directory in Salt Lake City. Reva was born May 17, 1916, in Centerfield, Sanpete, Utah, to Oswald Beck and Amanda Nielsen. Reva died April 6, 1956, in Salt Lake City.

Chesley enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II and served overseas at the Aviation Supply Center in Guam. Both before and after the war, he spent his career employed by the Fred A. Carleson Company, a car dealership in Salt Lake City, working as a bookkeeper, accountant, office manager, and secretary/treasurer.

Chesley appears to have remarried after Reva's Death. The 1958 and 1959 City Directories for Salt Lake City list him with a wife named Vivian, but no other documentation can be found yet. There is no mention of a second wife in his obituary.

Chesley died on March 21, 1973, in Salt Lake City. Chesley and Reva are buried together in Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery in Sandy, Salt Lake, Utah.

The following children were born to Chesley D. Eliason and Reva Beck:

4.26. Kathleen Eliason

4.27. Eugene Chesley Eliason

4.28. Louise Eliason

3.15. Daisy Beulah Blackham

Daisy Beulah Blackham was born July 25, 1906, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to John Raymond Blackham and Hannah Caroline “Daisy” Christensen (2.5).

Daisy died of bronchitis eighteen days later, August 12, 1906, in Moroni. She is buried in Moroni City Cemetery.

3.16. Raymond Edgel Blackham

Raymond Edgel Blackham, known by his middle name (sometimes shortened to Edge), was born October 29, 1907, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to John Raymond Blackham and Hannah Caroline “Daisy” Christensen (2.5).

Edgel married Grace Sorensen on May 31, 1928, in Manti, Sanpete, Utah. Grace was born May 19, 1907, in Moroni, to Niels Peter Sorensen and Ella Marie Bradley. During the early years of their marriage, Grace augmented Edgel’s income by teaching private piano lessons in their home. Grace died on March 22, 1999, in Salt Lake City, after living many years in California.

After their marriage, Edgel and Grace moved to California. Edgel had sung with the Cougar Quartet (along with Lawrence Lee, Julius Madsen, and LeGrand Anderson) at Brigham Young University, and the quartet was invited to perform in *The Mission Play* at the Mission Playhouse in San Gabriel, Los Angeles, California, where they were known as the Mission Play Male Quartet. Looking for work while the playhouse was closed during the off-season, Edgel found employment as a salesman with Sears, Roebuck and Company. Edgel stayed with Sears for the next thirty-four years, and he retired as their regional director in Los Angeles.

According to FamilySearch contributor Jerald Bradshaw, the Cougar Quartet sang a song in the 1929 movie *In Old Arizona*. Although uncredited, they can be seen singing “Daisy Bell (A Bicycle Built for Two),” written by Harry Dacre, ten minutes and thirty seconds into the movie. This song is especially appropriate, since Edgel’s mother was known as Daisy. During their married life, while Edgel was working at Sears, Edgel and Grace continued a minor musical career performing throughout southern California as “Grace and Edge,” with him singing and her accompanying him on the piano. When his three sons grew into men, Edgel organized the four of them into a family quartet who performed and competed in the South Los Angeles area.

According to Edgel’s obituary, he served in World War II.

Edgel died on August 23, 1970, in San Diego, California. Edgel and Grace are buried together in Moroni City Cemetery.

The following sons were born to Raymond Edgel Blackham and Grace Sorensen:

4.29. Bruce Edgel Blackham

4.30. Boyd R. Blackham

4.31. Brian Neil Blackham

3.17. John Howard Blackham

John Howard Blackham—often known as J. Howard, Howard, or How'd—was born November 25, 1909, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to John Raymond Blackham and Hannah Caroline “Daisy” Christensen (2.5).

Howard married Bertha Jensen on July 16, 1941, in Huntington Park, Los Angeles, California. Bertha was born March 14, 1915, to John A. Jensen and Lola P. Wagstaff, in American Fork, Utah, Utah. Bertha had been previously married to Franklin Vivian Henderson, and she brought a son, Robert Lowell, into her marriage to Howard. It appears that Robert was adopted by Howard, as in all later records he is known as Robert Lowell Blackham. Bertha died July 8, 2005.

After the untimely death of his father in 1932, Howard dropped out of college, returning to Moroni to take over the management of the family farm and to take care of his younger siblings. Howard worked as a farmer, rancher, and turkey raiser, who then served for many years as the president of the Moroni Feed Company. He was so highly respected at the Moroni Feed Company that in 1961 when they began issuing membership certificates they paid tribute to him by issuing him certificate number one.

Howard died August 31, 1992, in Provo, Utah, Utah. Howard and Bertha are buried together in Moroni City Cemetery.

The following children were born to John Howard Blackham and Bertha Jensen:

4.32. Lola Faye Blackham

4.33. Virginia Jean Blackham

4.34. Doris Evelyn Blackham

4.35. Joyce Carolyn Blackham

4.36. David Howard Blackham

3.18. Paul Emerald Blackham

Paul Emerald Blackham was born April 5, 1913, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to John Raymond Blackham and Hannah Caroline “Daisy” Christensen (2.5).

Paul was married on December 27, 1936, to Jacquelyn “Jackie” Shand in Sanpete County. Jacquelyn was born December 29, 1915, in Manti, Sanpete, Utah, to John W. Shand and Velinda Elizabeth Graham. Jacquelyn died on January 10, 1997, in Sandy, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Paul died on March 30, 1988, in Manti. Paul and Jacquelyn are buried together in Manti City Cemetery.

The following children were born to Paul Emerald Blackham and Jacquelyn Shand:

4.37. Paul William Blackham

4.38. Linda Rae Blackham

4.39. John Raymond Blackham

4.40. Jeannie Blackham

3.19. Eugene Christensen Blackham

Eugene Christensen Blackham was born June 6, 1915, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to John Raymond Blackham and Hannah Caroline “Daisy” Christensen (2.5).

Eugene was married to Rheta Anderson in 1944 in Houston. Eugene was in the United States Navy at the time, stationed at Corpus Christi. Rheta was born November 9, 1918, in Moroni, to Raphael Mads “Ray” Anderson and Susannah Lees. Rheta died August 11, 2011, in Hanford, Kings, California.

Eugene served as a radio operator in the United States Navy during World War II, after which he worked as a dentist. Eugene and Rheta were both accomplished musicians and served with the Kings Symphony Orchestra. Eugene enjoyed playing the piano as an accompaniment to Rheta’s violin solos.

Eugene died on December 12, 2002, in Hanford. Eugene and Rheta are buried together in Grangeville Cemetery in Armona, Kings, California.

The following daughters were born to Eugene Christensen Blackham and Rheta Andersen:

4.41. Christine Sue Blackham

4.42. Jennifer Blackham

4.43. Lora J. Blackham

3.20. Mary Jewel Blackham

Mary Jewel Blackham was born June 5, 1921, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to John Raymond Blackham and Hannah Caroline “Daisy” Christensen (2.5). Being the only surviving daughter in the family, her father said she was his jewel, and thus her middle name became Jewel.

Mary married Keith Reed Vollintine shortly after the end of World War II, on November 3, 1945, in San Francisco, while she was serving in the United States Marine Corps Women’s Reserve and he was serving in the United States Navy. Keith was born September 30, 1920, in Nebraska, to William Edward Vollintine and Gladys Leona Reed. After his discharge from the Navy, Keith returned to his pre-war employer, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, with whom he had a long, successful career. Keith died on Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008, in California.

Mary died July 30, 2002, in Loomis, Placer, California. Mary and Keith are buried together in Newcastle Cemetery in Newcastle, Placer, California.

The following children were born to Mary Jewel Blackham and Keith Reed Vollintine:

4.44. Larry Reed Vollintine

4.45. Thomas Wayne Vollintine

4.46. Ruth Ann Vollintine

3.21. Mae Viola Warren

Mae Viola Warren was born May 8, 1912, in Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, to Perry Taylor Warren and Mary Viola Christensen (2.7).

Mae married Henry Frank Walker on August 22, 1935, in Vancouver, Clark, Washington. Henry was born November 23, 1907, in Binger, Caddo, Oklahoma, to Henry F. Walker and Ella L. Hartford. Mae and Henry lived first in Oregon, then later moved to Idaho, where Henry worked as a plumber. Henry died on December 13, 1986, in Nampa, Canyon, Idaho.

Mae died on January 28, 1978, in Nampa. Mae and Henry are buried together in Kohlerlawn Cemetery in Nampa.

The following children were born to Mae Viola Warren and Henry Frank Walker:

4.47. Margurite Viola Walker

4.48. Ella Mae Walker

4.49. Henry Frank Walker

4.50. Carol Violet Walker

4.51. Daisy Walker

4.52. Mary Walker

3.22. Jack Leroy Warren

Jack Leroy Warren was born November 3, 1914, in Utah, to Perry Taylor Warren and Mary Viola Christensen (2.7).

Jack died on June 10, 1942, in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, while serving in the National Guard in World War II. He is buried in Lincoln Memorial Park in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon.

3.23. Dean Perry Warren

Dean Perry Warren was born October 31, 1916, in Manti, Sanpete, Utah, to Perry Taylor Warren and Mary Viola Christensen (2.7).

Dean's first marriage was to Lavon Florence Lettenmaier on November 3, 1943, in Milwaukie, Clackamas, Oregon, while Dean was serving in the United States Navy during World War II. Lavon was born in 1921 in Oregon to Walter H. Lettenmaier and Florence I. Stoner. Dean and Lavon were divorced on August 1, 1966. Two children were born to this marriage. Lavon died on April 4, 1974, in Multnomah County, Oregon.

Dean's second marriage was to Virginia Kilgore on December 13, 1973. Virginia was born October 8, 1924, in Salt Lake City, to Frank Kilgore and Laura Degattis. Virginia had been previously married to Girard Morlan, whom she divorced on June 28, 1967. Dean and Virginia were divorced on August 28, 1978, in Multnomah County. Virginia died on January 24, 2007, in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon.

Dean's third marriage was to Clara Miller Cortez on March 2, 1979, in Reno, Washoe, Nevada. Clara was born May 10, 1936. Clara appears to have been briefly married to Chester W. Johnson before her marriage to Dean. Dean and Clara were divorced on January 4, 1980, in Multnomah County. Clara later appears to have married John C. Brown and settled in Tyler, Smith, Texas.

Dean's fourth marriage was to Ruby Stoliby on August 27, 1982, in Multnomah County. Dean and Ruby were divorced on November 23, 1982, in Multnomah County.

Dean spent most of his life working as a plumbing contractor. He died on September 28, 2004, in Portland.

The following children were born to Dean Perry Warren and Lavon Florence Lettenmaier:

4.53. Thomas Michael Warren

4.54. Sally J. Warren

3.24. Donald Lorenzo Warren

Donald Lorenzo Warren was born May 14, 1922, in Utah, to Perry Taylor Warren and Mary Viola Christensen (2.7).

Donald married Lillian Katherine Johnson on May 20, 1945, in White Salmon, Klickitat, Washington. Lillian was born July 22, 1925, in Dalles, Wasco, Oregon, to Dutch immigrants, Hendrik "Henry" John Edward Johnson and Cornelia Zynen. After Donald's untimely death, she was left as a widow with two small daughters, and married Robert D. Crawford, with whom she had another daughter. After the death of Robert, she married Everett Welcome Smith Jr. of Moore County, North Carolina. She died on

April 3, 2007, in Pinehurst, Moore, North Carolina, and is buried next to her second husband, Robert D. Crawford, in Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon.

Donald served as a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the United States Naval Reserve during World War II, and was discharged in 1945. He was due to resume active service at the time of his death in 1952.

Donald died on August 17, 1952, in Trout Lake, Klickitat, Washington. He was a passenger in a light plane piloted by Chester Bolter that stalled and nose-dived into the ground while attempting to land at Hollenbeck Field. Donald is buried in Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

The following daughters were born to Donald Lorenzo Warren and Lillian Katherine Johnson:

4.55. Sheryl Lynn Warren

4.56. Donna Warren

3.25. Mary Christensen

Mary Christensen was born August 19, 1923, in Richfield, Sevier, Utah, to Randall Christensen (2.8) and Ida Belle Gledhill.

Mary married Keith R. Hooper on May 12, 1942, in Manti, Sanpete, Utah. Keith was born July 21, 1923, in Annabella, Sevier, Utah, to William R. Hooper and Vida May Brown. Keith served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, and he worked for the Utah Highway Patrol from 1957 to 1989. After Mary's death, Keith married Roberta Taylor Ogden Christensen (divorced from Calvin Shelton Ogden and widow of Sheldon Ray Christensen) on June 13, 1988, in Manti. Roberta died on June 6, 2017, and is buried in Annabella Cemetery. Keith died on May 12, 2010, in Annabella.

In addition to their six sons and daughters, Mary and Keith also had a foster daughter, Lula Clark.

Mary died on June 8, 1996, in Richfield. Mary and Keith are buried together in Annabella Cemetery.

The following children were born to Mary Christensen and Keith R. Hooper:

- 4.57. Anne Marie Hooper
- 4.58. Keith R. Hooper, Jr.
- 4.59. Galen Roy Hooper
- 4.60. Laurel Hooper
- 4.61. Ione Hooper
- 4.62. Carma Hooper

3.26. Thomas Randall Christensen

Thomas “Tom” Randall Christensen was born September 13, 1925, in McCornick, Millard, Utah, to Randall Christensen (2.8) and Ida Belle Gledhill.

Tom married Dezra June Leavitt, most commonly known by her middle name, on November 18, 1946, in Manti, Sanpete, Utah. The marriage was recorded in Sevier County, Utah. June was born May 10, 1927, in Joseph, Sevier, Utah, to Lloyd Leland Leavitt and Fawn Mahala Sylvester. June died on July 15, 2016, in Venice, Sevier, Utah.

Tom served in the United States National Guard during both World War II and the Korean War. He worked as a dairyman and farmer for most of his life, and he served 12 years in the Utah State Legislature.

Tom died on July 17, 2005, in Provo, Utah, Utah. Tom and June are buried together in Richfield City Cemetery in Richfield, Sevier, Utah.

The following children were born to Thomas Randall Christensen and Dezra June Leavitt:

- 4.63. Randall Lloyd Christensen
- 4.64. Thomas Roy Christensen
- 4.65. Jack Ray Christensen
- 4.66. Janese Christensen
- 4.67. Roxanne Christensen
- 4.68. Jonathan Dale Christensen

3.27. Randa Rae Christensen

Randa Rae Christensen was born November 3, 1928, in Provo, Utah, Utah, to Randall Christensen (2.8) (who had died eight months earlier) and Ida Belle Gledhill.

Randa married Robert “Bob” Smith Melville on June 17, 1949, in Manti, Sanpete, Utah. The marriage was recorded in Sevier County, Utah. Bob was born June 5, 1927, in Salt Lake City, to Rulon George Melville and Inez Karen Smith. Bob served in the United States Navy during World War II, after which he had a long career as a professor at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Warren, Kentucky. Bob died on July 10, 1998, in Bowling Green and is buried in Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park in Salt Lake City.

After Bob’s death, Randa moved back to Holladay, Salt Lake, Utah.

The following sons were born to Randa Rae Christensen and Robert Smith Melville:

4.69. Robert C. Melville

4.70. Bradley Rulon Melville

3.28. Clarice Josephine Christensen

Clarice Josephine Christensen, also known as Chris, was born May 18, 1927, in Heiner, Carbon, Utah, to Frank James Christensen (2.9) and Violet Fiack.

Clarice married Earl Eugene Markham on November 28, 1947, in Salt Lake City. Earl was born April 16, 1927, in Los Angeles County, California, to Hosmer Eugene Markham and Edith Maletta Bunker. Earl served in the United States Navy during World War II. After his discharge, Earl worked as a truck driver.

Clarice died on April 15, 2011, in Kingman, Mohave, Arizona. Her remains were cremated.

The following children were born to Clarice Josephine Christensen and Earl Eugene Markham:

4.71. Marguerite Earlene Markham

4.72. Norman Eugene Markham

4.73. Debra Markham

4.74. Catherine Markham

4.75. Donald Frank Markham



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Three Generations of Peter Christian Christensen's Ancestors

Sources from Denmark

This will be just a short summary of the ancestors of P.C. Christensen whom I could find. Researching information from Denmark can be somewhat more difficult than researching information from the United States. Many Danish census, birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage, and death records can be found online, but searching them can be a tedious process. There is a language barrier to try to overcome, and the patronymic naming system means there are many duplicate names, sometimes making positive identification of a specific person questionable. I am trying to limit my discussion here to only the facts I consider to be accurate.

Some of the most helpful online resources for me have been Dansk Demografisk Database at <http://ddd.dda.dk/ddd.htm>, Arkivalieronline at <https://www.sa.dk/en/>, and Danish Family Search at <https://www.danishfamilysearch.dk/>. There are also some digital records available at familysearch.org, and some indexed Danish records can be found at ancestry.com. Some members of both sites have been very helpful sharing copies of documents they have researched. I am especially grateful for the number of documents that my second cousin Ione Roth has shared online. I truly appreciate not only the amount of time and dedication it has taken her to find them, but also her careful documentation of her research.

Many of Peter's ancestors came from Kirke Såby, which was originally a part of Roskilde County, Denmark. In 1808, Roskilde was annexed into Copenhagen County. Then, in 2007, the various counties of Denmark were reorganized into five regions. The original Copenhagen County became part of the Region Hovedstaden, and the original Roskilde County became part

of the Region Sjælland. For the sake of consistency, I refer to the location as Kirke Såby, Roskilde, Denmark, no matter what the date may be. I do the same for other locations in Roskilde County also.

Peter's Parents and Siblings

Peter's father, Christian Christensen, was born March 14, 1818, in Kirke Såby, Roskilde, Denmark, the oldest child of Christen Christiansen and Karen Jacobsdatter.

Peter's mother, Margrethe Hansdatter, was born April 26, 1826 in Skuldelev, Frederiksborg, Denmark, the youngest child of Hans Nielsen and Ane Nielsdatter. According to the 1845 census, at age 19 Margrethe was working as a servant in the household of Augustinus Frantzen in Skibby, Frederiksborg, Denmark.

Christian Christensen and Margrethe Hansdatter were married on September 16, 1849, in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Peter's sister, Ane Sophie Jacobine Christensen, was born February 27, 1851, in Copenhagen, and died while less than a month old, on March 24, 1851.

Peter's brother, Johan "Jon" Erastus Christensen, was born June 11, 1852, in Copenhagen.

The family left Denmark in December 1852, traveling aboard the steamship *Obetrit* to Keil, Germany, then on a rough journey aboard the steamship *Løven* to Hull, England, before boarding the *Forest Monarch* in Liverpool, England, to cross the Atlantic Ocean to America. According to journals from other passengers on the ship, Christian had worked as a soapmaker in Copenhagen prior to leaving.

Margrethe Hansdatter died on March 12, 1853, while the ship was waiting at anchor near New Orleans. She was buried on an island off the mainland with others from the ship who had also died. The island is unidentified except to say that there were many tree stumps, the land was very rich, and it had a lighthouse.

On March 19, 1853, the *Forest Monarch* passengers were transferred to a larger steamship, the *Grantover*, which arrived in Saint Louis ten days later. Christian Christensen and Jon Christensen were both very ill when they left the ship.

Jon Christensen died of dysentery on April 2, 1983. He was buried in Wesleyan Cemetery, which has since closed, with remains being relocated to other cemeteries.

Christian Christensen died of dysentery on April 3, 1853. He was buried in Saint Louis City Cemetery, which has since closed, with remains being relocated to other cemeteries.

Peter's Grandparents

Christian Christensen's Parents

Peter's paternal grandfather, Christen Christiansen, was born April 17, 1797, in Gevninge, Roskilde, Denmark, to Christian Ludvig Jensen and Johanne Kirstine "Stine" Nielsdatter. He died on August 20, 1840, in Kirke Såby, Roskilde, Denmark.

Peter's paternal grandmother, Karen Jacobsdatter, was born in 1793 in Kirke Såby to Jacob Larsen and Maren Jensdatter. She died on November 23, 1853, in Kirke Såby.

Christen Christiansen and Karen Jacobsdatter were married December 1, 1818, in Kirke Såby.

Christen Christiansen and Karen Jacobsdatter had the following children: Christian Christensen, Ane Sophie Christensdatter, Niels Christensen, Sophie Marie Christensdatter, Niels Ludvig Christensen, Jens Ludvig Christensen, Hans Christensen, Sophie Jacobine Christensdatter, and Johanne Marie Christensdatter. Although later records cannot be found for some of the children, it appears Christian Christensen may have been the only one to immigrate to America.

Margrethe Hansdatter's Parents

Peter's maternal grandfather, Hans Nielsen, was born about 1787 in Skibby, Frederiksborg, Denmark, to Niels Hansen and Maren Hansdatter. He died on May 9, 1860, in Kisserup, Roskilde, Denmark.

Peter's maternal grandmother, Ane Nielsdatter, was born about 1788 in Skibby to Niels Hansen and Magrethe Jacobsdatter. She died on June 19, 1846, in Kisserup.

Hans Nielsen and Ane Nielsdatter probably knew each other from a young age, as their confirmation records appear five entries away from each other in the church book for Skibby, his on July 6, 1788, and hers on October 12, 1788. Their engagement was recorded on July 8, 1815, and they were married on August 4, 1815, in Skibby.

According to census records, Hans worked in the brickmaking business. They moved from Skibby to Kisserup about 1845.

Hans Nielsen and Ane Nielsdatter had the following children: Jacob Peter Hansen, Ane Dorthe Hansdatter, Maren Hansdatter, Dorthea Hansdatter, and Margrethe Hansdatter. It appears that Margrethe Hansdatter may have been the only child of theirs to immigrate to America.

Peter's Great-Grandparents

The Parents of Peter's Paternal Grandfather, Christen Christiansen

Christen Christiansen's father, Christian Ludvig Jensen, was born about 1771 in Gevninge, Roskilde, Denmark, to Jens Nielsen and Anna Kirstine Hansdatter. Church records show that his confirmation was on September 14, 1771. He died on April 21, 1827, in Gevninge.

Christen Christiansen's mother, Johanne Kirstine "Stine" Nielsdatter, was born about 1767 in Herslev, Roskilde, Denmark, to Niels Rasmussen and Benedicta Andersdatter. Church records show that her confirmation was on July 19, 1767. After her husband's death, she lived with their son, Niels Christiansen, and his family in Gevninge. She died on September 3, 1848, in Gevninge.

The betrothal of Christian Ludvig Jensen and Johanne Kirstine Nielsdatter was announced on September 20, 1789, and they were married on October 25, 1789, in Herslev. After their marriage, they lived in Gevninge, where all their children were born.

The following children were born to Christian Ludvig Jensen and Johanne Kirstine Nielsdatter: Jens Christiansen, Ellen Kirstine Christiansdatter, Ane Magrethe Christiansdatter, Christen Christiansen, Ane Cathrine Christiansdatter, Niels Christiansen, Johanne Kirstine Christiansdatter, Ane Kirstine Christiansdatter, and Caroline Elisabeth Christiansdatter.

The Parents of Peter's Paternal Grandmother, Karen Jacobsdatter

Karen Jacobsdatter's father, Jacob Larsen, was born about 1741. Some online trees give his mother's name as Karen Oldsdatter, but I have not been able to find documentation for this. There is a marriage record from 1741 between a Lars Rasmussen and a Karen Oldsdatter, who may or may not be his parents. Jacob died on December 22, 1821, in Kirke Såby, Roskilde, Denmark.

Jacob Larsen's first wife was Maren Pedersdatter. Their betrothal was announced on May 24, 1776, and they were married on September 26, 1776, in Kirke Såby. The following children were born to that marriage: Anders Jacobsen, Lars Jacobsen, and Johan Jacobsen. Maren Pedersdatter died about 1784.

Karen Jacobsdatter's mother (Jacob Larsen's second wife), Maren Jensdatter, was born about 1762. She died on July 5, 1844, in Kirke Såby.

The betrothal of Jacob Larsen and Maren Jensdatter was announced on November 3, 1784, and they were married on December 10, 1784, in Kisserup, Roskilde, Denmark.

The following children were born to Jacob Larsen and Maren Jensdatter: Sophie Jacobsdatter, Rasmus Jacobsen, Maren Jacobsdatter, Karen Jacobsdatter, Marie Jacobsdatter, Kristian (also known as Christian) Jacobsen, and Jens Jacobsen.

The Parents of Peter's Maternal Grandfather, Hans Nielsen

Hans Nielsen's father, Niels Hansen, was born about 1751. Some confusion in research is caused by the fact that Hans Nielsen's father-in-law was also named Niels Hansen. He died on September 29, 1831.

Hans Nielsen's mother, Maren Handsdatter, was born about 1761. I have not yet been able to find a death record for her.

Niels Hansen and Maren Handsdatter were married on November 9, 1787, in Skibby, Frederiksborg, Denmark, and lived most of their lives there.

The following children were born to Niels Hansen and Maren Handsdatter: Hans Nielsen and Sören Nielsen.

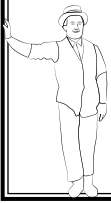
The Parents of Peter's Maternal Grandmother, Ane Nielsdatter

Ane Nielsdatter's father, Niels Hansen, was born about 1756. Some confusion in research is caused by the fact that Ane Nielsdatter's father-in-law was also named Niels Hansen. Various online trees give Neils Hansen's parents' names as Hans Laursen (or Larsen or Larson Jyde [meaning from Jutland]) and Dorthe Laursdatter (or Larsdatter), but I have not found any documentation for this. The 1801 census gave Neils Hansen's age as 45, which would make his birth year about 1756; his 1827 death record gave his age as 60, which would make his birth year about 1767. One online genealogical record gives his christening date as October 22, 1758, but I could find no documentation of this. He died on February 26, 1827, and was buried on March 2, 1827, in Skibby, Frederiksborg, Denmark.

Ane Nielsdatter's mother, Margrethe Jacobsdatter, was born about 1761. Some online genealogical records give her parents' names as Jacob Larsen and Anne Sørensdatter, but I could find no documentation of this. She died on October 27, 1853, and was buried on November 4, 1853, in Skippinge, Holbaek, Denmark.

Niels Hansen and Margrethe Jacobsdatter were married on March 9, 1783, in Skibby, and they appear to have lived most of their lives there.

The following children were born to Niels Hansen and Margrethe Jacobsdatter: Ane Nielsdatter and Jacob Nielsen.



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Postscript

I want to thank everyone for reading my genealogical discourse. I hope my research can help some people know a little more about their heritage and inspire them to search for even more information. I hope that it helps people see the importance of recording their own personal history to be shared with later generations. Finally, I hope those who have more stories and information about the people discussed in this document can share them with me so that they can be included in a future version.



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Four Generations of Descendants

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Second Generation

2.1. Edward Christian Christensen

2.2. Peter Angelo Christensen

2.3. Blanche Ophelia Christensen

2.4. Ernest Raymond Christensen

2.5. Hannah Caroline Christensen

2.6. Nelson Howard Christensen

2.7. Mary Viola Christensen

2.8. Randall Christensen

2.9. Frank James Christensen

Third Generation

3.1. Theodore Angelo Christensen

3.2. Kenneth Ernest Christensen

3.3. Mary Berniece Christensen

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