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**GENEALOGY  
OF THE  
ESBECK FAMILY**





I N F O R M A T I O N   R E L A T I N G

T O

F A M I L Y   O F

LARS N. ESBECK and wife - CHRISTINA SORENSEN

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THIS FAMILY HISTORY IS DEDICATED

TO

MY FATHER WILLIAM ESBECK

AND

FAMILY

COMMENTS-----Ramona Esbeck

Little did I realize the time commitment involved when I decided in April of this year (1983) that the time was long over due in getting into print the "Genealogy of the Lars N. Esbeck Family". I don't recall exactly when I first became interested in learning more about the "Esbeck" history but I started collecting information over 15 years ago. The time dedicated to it, however, was very little compared to the thousand or more hours put in this year.

My only regret is that I or someone else didn't get serious about doing this many years earlier. So little is actually known about the life and personalities of Niels Jensen Esbeck and Metta Marie Poulsdatter, their 8 children, Christina Sorensen and her family background.

Future reseachers will, no doubt, be recording family history on tape recorders and computer micro film. The important thing is that it is done. It is gratifying to know that researching family history is one of the leading hobbies today. I can well understand why. One broadens their appreciation of America and its pioneers and feels a new relationship with one's ancestors and relatives living today.

While this research has left many blanks and unanswered questions, hopefully it is a start for future family researchers.

I want to THANK everyone who responded to my request for additional and up-to-date information and pictures of their family. Only with these responses and help could the information contained here be accurate, as complete as it is, and of interest and value to the descendants of the Niels Jensen Esbeck family and Christina Sorensen and Lars N. Esbeck descendants.

A special thanks must also go to Annette Johnson Andersen, Thelma Esbeck Wehde, and Craig Esbeck for their narratives, and Kay Ann Esbeck Sonksen North for her help in editing this Publication.



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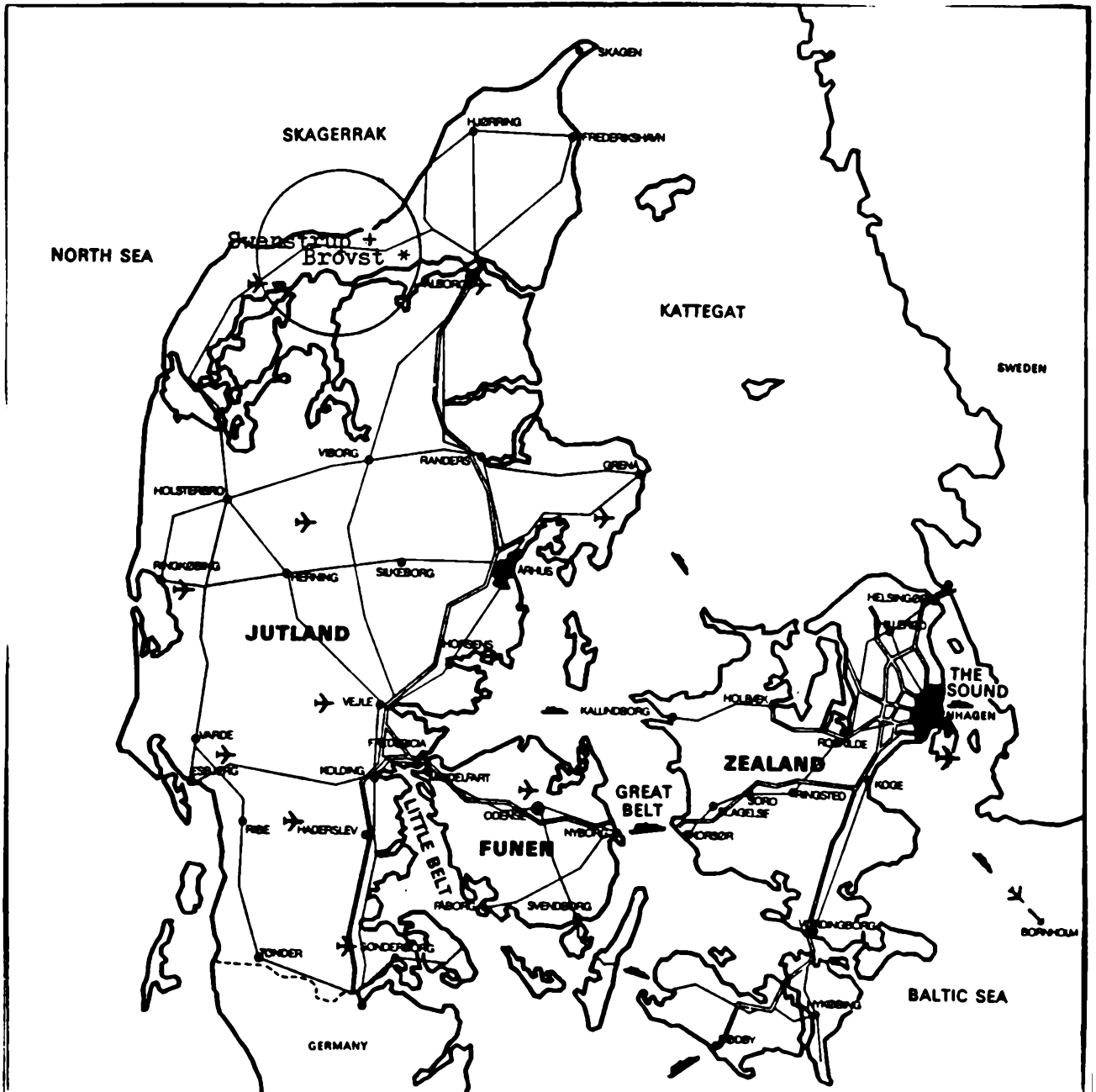
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## DENMARK

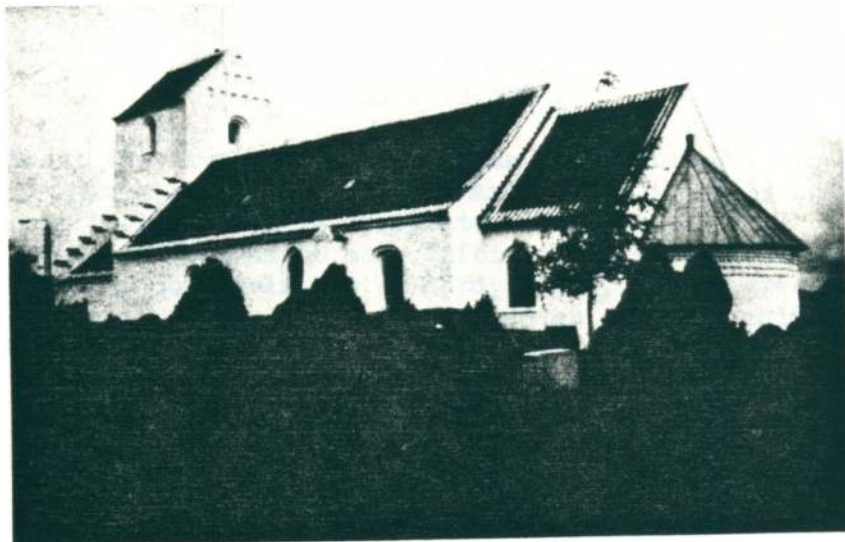


\* Esbeck farm was near Brovst

+ Sorensen farm was near Svendstrup



This map of the BROVST area was in a publication "BROVST SØGNS SPAREKASSE" 1869 - 1969. Note location of Esbeck farm.



This is the Lutheran Church at Brovst where Lars and his brothers and sisters were baptized. Taken in 1978.



FIRST AND SECOND KNOWN GENERATION OF THE "ESBECK" FAMILY  
IN DENMARK

FIRST GENERATION

NIELS MADSEN                      married                      MAREN PEDERSDATTERS (Peter's  
Residence: Brovst, Denmark                      daughter)  
Occupation: Farming

The only information known about this couple is that their engagement was announced on June 15, 1764. The person who arranged this engagement was Soren Vognsen. Until 1779 marriages in Denmark were by arrangement only. Engagements and marriages had to be overseen by a Pastor and five Witnesses and weddings had to be announced two Sundays prior to marriage.

Niels Madsen was married a second time, to Anna Vognsdatter, but from his first marriage we know he had at least one son, Jens. Note Baptismal Certificate on the next page. The father's first name in the 1700's determined the last name. "Jens" would be known as Jens Nielsen.

SECOND GENERATION

NIELS NIELSEN	married	ANNA MARIE PEDERSDATTER
b- 1767, Brovst, Denmark		b- 1774
d-30 Mar 1823		engagement announced- 22 Jan 1802
Occupation: Farming		d- 1845
		Parents: Peder Jensen and Anna Nielsdatter (Anna was born 1734 and died 1795)

Little is known about the lives of Jens and Anna Marie Nielsen. They had two daughters: Marie, born in 1803 and Maren, born in 1805; and one son, Niels, born in 1807. It is speculated that the two girls did not survive into adulthood as no more information is available about them. Fortunately their son Niels was of hardy stock, for he grew up to father eight children. He and his wife and seven of their children traveled to the United States.

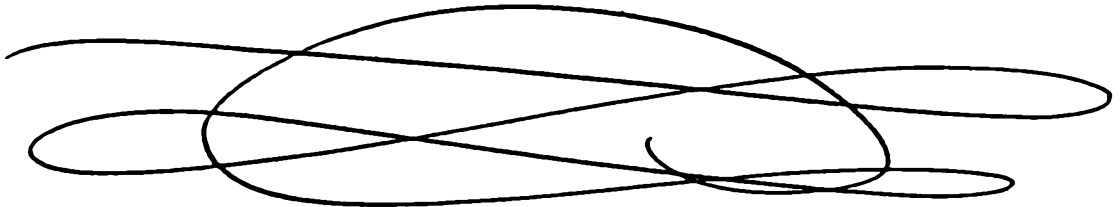
Children:

MARIE (born in 1803)  
MAREN (born in 1805)  
NIELS JENSEN (ESBECK)  
b- 1807  
d-9 Apr 1891

NIELS JENSEN ESBECK'S FATHER'S BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE

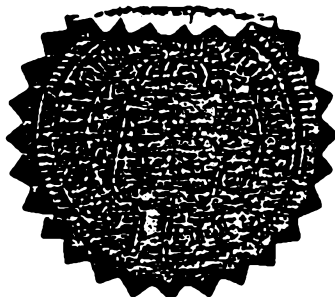
## Daabsattest

Ar 1767 (sytten hundrede og syv og tresindstyve). Mikkels-  
dag døbtes i Brovst Kirke Niels Madsens og Maren Pedersdatters Barn  
JENS af Brovst (Fødselsdagen ikke anført).



*At dette er i Overensstemmelse med Tilførslen i den her i Arkivet opbevarede Kirkebog  
1728-1814 for Brovst & Svenåstrup Sogne, ----- Øster Han ---Herred,  
bevulnes paa Embeds Vegne.*

Viborg, den 22. November 1923.





## THIRD KNOWN GENERATION - NIELS JENSEN ESBECK

NIELS JENSEN ESBECK

b-15 Apr 1807, Brovst, Jutland,  
Denmark  
d-9 Apr 1891, at home of son, Peter,  
Sharon Twp., Audubon County, Iowa  
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery  
O-Farming  
Parents- Jens Nielsen and Anna Marie  
Pedersdatter

METTA MARIE POULSDATTER

b-15 Aug 1809, Jutland, Denmark  
m- , Brovst, Denmark  
d-27 Aug 1880, Bear Grove Twp.,  
Guthrie County, Iowa  
Parents- Christian Poul Storgaard  
and Karen Christensdatter

CHILDRENSPOUSESJOHN N. ESBECK

b- 1836, Brovst, Denmark  
d-  
buried-  
O-Carpenter and Farmer

LORINDA DEWEY

b- 1836  
m-30 June 1869  
d-29 Sept 1903

CHRISTEN (CHRIS) N. ESBECK

b-3 June 1837, Brovst, Denmark  
d-3 Mar 1888, Oakfield Twp.,  
Audubon County, Iowa  
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery  
O-Farming

KIRSTEN (CATHERINE) MORTENSEN

b- , Denmark  
m- , Brovst, Denmark  
d- 1887, Oakfield Twp.,  
Audubon County, Iowa

KAREN MARIE ESBECK

b-11 July 1838, Brovst, Denmark  
d-6 May 1922  
buried- both Atlantic Cemetery

NELS BERTEL (NELS B.) CHRISTENSEN

b-22 Mar 1843, Jutland, Denmark  
m- Apr 1871  
d-4 Jan 1923  
O-Farming

ANDREW N. ESBECK

b-18 July 1843, Brovst, Denmark  
d-5 Dec 1937, Watsonville, CA  
buried- Pioneer Cemetery,  
Watsonville, CA  
O-Farmer and Inventor

1. MAREN CHRISTINA CHRISTENSEN  
b-11 June 1846, Denmark  
m- Jan 1868, Brovst, Denmark  
d-8 Dec 1912, Watsonville, CA  
buried- Pioneer Cemetery, Watsonville, CA

2. ANNA M.  
m-  
d-15 July 1960

ANNA N. ESBECK

b-2 May 1845, Brovst, Denmark  
d-24 Jan 1895, Torslev, Denmark  
buried- Torslev Cemetery, Denmark

1. JENS ANDREAS JENSEN  
b-1 Oct 1838  
m-27 Dec 1867, Brovst, Denmark  
d-28 May 1872
2. JENS PETER NIELSEN  
b-14 July 1848  
m- 1874  
d-16 Febr 1941

LARS N. ESBECK

b-1 Nov 1848, Brovst, Jutland,  
Denmark  
d-6 Oct 1946, at home of daughter,  
Sena, Oakfield Township,  
Audubon County, Iowa  
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery  
O-Farming Guthrie and Audubon  
Counties

KJERSTINE MARIE (CHRISTINA) SORENSEN

b-2 Oct 1855, Swenstrup, Jutland,  
Denmark  
m-19 July 1874, Atlantic, Iowa  
d-28 July 1926, at home in Elk Horn, Iowa

PETER N. ESBECK

b-21 May 1850, Brovst, Jutland,  
Denmark  
d-5 Febr 1939  
buried- Elk Horn Cemetery  
O-Farming

1. LENA PETERSEN

b-  
m- 1876  
Divorced

2. MARTINA (MARTHA) PAULSEN

b-26 Sept 1861  
m-14 Aug 1886  
d-1 Jan 1932  
buried- Elk Horn Cemetery

MARTIN N. ESBECK

b-18 July 1852, Brovst, Jutland,  
Denmark  
d-2 Apr 1931, Kimballton, Iowa  
buried- both Kimballton Cemetery  
O-Hardware and Automobile Business

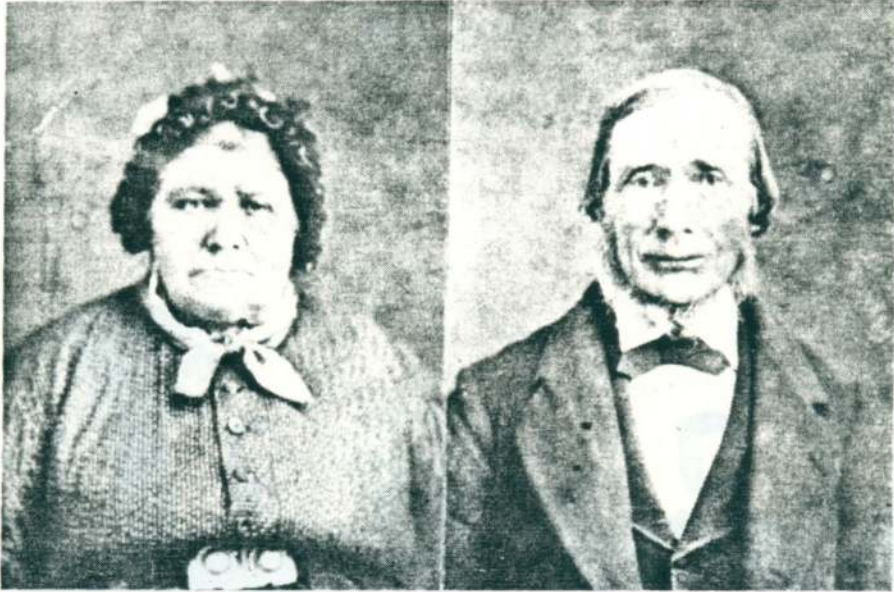
ELSIE MARIE CHRISTENSEN

b-15 Jan 1865  
m-6 Mar 1883  
d-7 Nov 1925, Kimballton, Iowa



NIELS JENSEN ESBECK FAMILY

PARENTS



METTA MARIE

NIELS

CHILDREN

Composite Photo



Left to right:

John, Andrew, Lars, Karen Marie, Martin, Anna, Chris, Peter

FOUR BROTHERS and ONE SISTER  
of the  
NIELS JENSEN ESBECK FAMILY  
WITH SPOUSES

Approximately 1920



Left to right back - Lars, Martin, John, Peter, Nels B. Christensen  
  ↓                  ↓                  ↓                  ↑  
front row - Christina Elsie Marie Martina Karen Marie

## HISTORY OF THE ESBECK NAME

Written by Craig Sidney Esbeck

1983

There are many unanswered questions concerning the "Esbeck" family name. Therefore, it is perhaps best to begin with what is known at this writing and include the significant questions that have arisen from this research.

It is known that the spelling of the family name varies through history and across the ocean. Evidence from the early 1800's indicates that a farm near the village of Brovst in Northern Jutland was called "Esbæk". The farm took its name from a winding, S-shaped brook ("bæk" in Danish) which passed through the property. The owners of this farm who later emigrated to the United States at some point adopted the name "Esbeck". In Denmark, members of the same family had their last name legally changed to "Esbeck" in 1924. A copy of this legal document follows this paper verifying this change in surname.

To understand why differences exist and when they occurred it is necessary to look at certain aspects of Danish culture from an historical perspective. In Denmark until the mid 19th century surnames were determined by the father's first name. Using Jens Nielsen as an example, it can be inferred that his father's first name was Niels and that his sons would have the surname Jensen (son of Jens) while his daughters would be called Jensdatter (daughter of Jens). Because so many unrelated people shared a few common surnames such as Jensen, Hansen, and Nielsen, it was not unusual to refer to someone by using an unofficial surname that more clearly identified them. Therefore, the family members who lived on the Esbeck farm were referred to as Niels "Esbeck" or Anna "Esbeck" even though their official Christian name might have been Jensen.

Records in Denmark indicate that the surname of "Jensen" was used during the time they lived in Denmark. Records in America show the surname of "Esbeck" added. This could indicate several possible explanations.

Niels Jensen's oldest son John (no doubt "Jens" in Denmark) may have been given Esbeck as his surname when he was baptized. The oldest son in Denmark frequently was given the farm name for his surname. John could have decided to use "Esbeck" on his passport when he went to the United States in 1862. When his brother Andrew (Andreas) followed in 1865 he, too, may have decided to follow his brother's example. Andrew returned to Denmark in 1867 to bring the rest of the family and by this time it may have been necessary, for official consistency, that the entire family then use the same last name on their immigration documents.

This is just an hypothesis. It could also be that after making the decision to come to America, the family decided that for a new life in a new country, a new name was also appropriate. What better choice than Esbeck, the name of their family farm. In this way they would be taking with them, at least in spirit, what was probably painfully difficult for them to leave behind.



Anna, the daughter who remained in Denmark, although married twice, it was said that she was identified as Anna Esbeck. In 1924 two of her sons, one from each of her marriages, decided to legally change their last name to "Esbech", so there would be Esbecks in Denmark. The reason for the different spelling is unclear. On both sides of the Atlantic relatives were surprised to find that the names were not spelled the same. Some Danish relatives have speculated that there must have simply been a misunderstanding in early written communication; "K" and "h" can easily be misread or confused.

It is also possible that when Anna's two sons applied to have their names changed, they were restricted as to the spelling choices they could use. In Denmark, certain surnames are protected by law. Originally this was meant to protect family names that inferred royal connections or privileged status in society. More recently unique last names are restricted for a number of other reasons. It has been reported by a Danish relative that Anna's two sons wanted to use the "Esbaek" spelling but were unable to do so because it was already being used by another family. Instead they chose the "Esbech" spelling which, as an interesting footnote, is now a protected surname in Denmark.

There are not many Esbechs left in Denmark. Perhaps around 50 people still bear the name. When Eva Esbech was married recently, her husband Bo and their son Christen took the Esbech name. The name, whether spelled with an "h" or a "k", clearly has significance for all those who descended from the Esbaek farm in Brovst.

## TWO FAMILIES IN DENMARK CHANGE NAME TO ESBECH

One son from each of Anna's marriages, legally changed their family surname and that of their children to **ESBECH** on February 23, 1924.

**NIELS CHRISTIAN JENSEN** became **NIELS CHRISTIAN ESBECH**

**NIELS LARSEN NIELSEN** became **NIELS LARSEN ESBECH**



af Guds Naade Konge til Danmark og Island,  
de Venders og Goters, Herlug til Slesvig, Holsten,  
Stormarn, Dithmarsken, Lauenborg og Oldenburg.

*Gore vittetligt:* Herter derom allerunderdanigst indgivnen Ansøgning bevillge Vi herved allernaadigst, at efternævnte Brødre:

- I. Landmand Niels Christian Jensen af Torselev Kær under Njørring Amt i Vort Land Jylland, der er født i Torselev Sogn den 31 Marts 1868 og døbt i Torselev Kirke den 21 Maj s. A., og hans Børn:
  - a. Anna Jensen, der er født i Torselev Sogn den 3 Maj 1897 og døbt i Torselev Kirke den 27 s. M.,
  - b. Christiane Jensen, der er født i Torselev Sogn den 2 Juni 1899 og døbt i Torselev Kirke den 9 s. M.,
  - c. Margrethe Christine Jensen, der er født i Torselev Sogn den 22 August 1901 og døbt i Torselev Kirke den 29 September s. A.,
  - d. Jens Andreas Jensen, der er født i Torselev Sogn den 11 April 1906 og døbt i Torselev Kirke den 24 Maj s. A.,
  - e. Jens Peter Jensen, der er født i Torselev Sogn den 15 November 1908 og døbt i Torselev Kirke den 20 December s. A.,

II. Arbejdsmand Niels Larsen Nielsen af Aalborg i Vort Land Jylland, der

er født i Torselev Sogn den 6 December 1897 og døbt i Torselev Kirke den 29 Januar 1898, og hans Børn:

1. Arnold Esbek Nielsen, der er født i Aalborg den 7 December 1914, medet den 18 s. M. og fremstillet til Danbøns Publikation i Vor Prebeters Kirke i Aalborg den 3 Oktober 1915,
  2. Kristian Esbek Nielsen, der er født i Aalborg den 17 April 1920 og døbt i Vor Prebeters Kirke i Aalborg den 21 November s. A.,
- maa for Fremtiden føre Familienavnet

E s b e c h.

saaledes at deres fulde Navn herefter bliver henholdsvis:

I. Niels Christian Esbech.

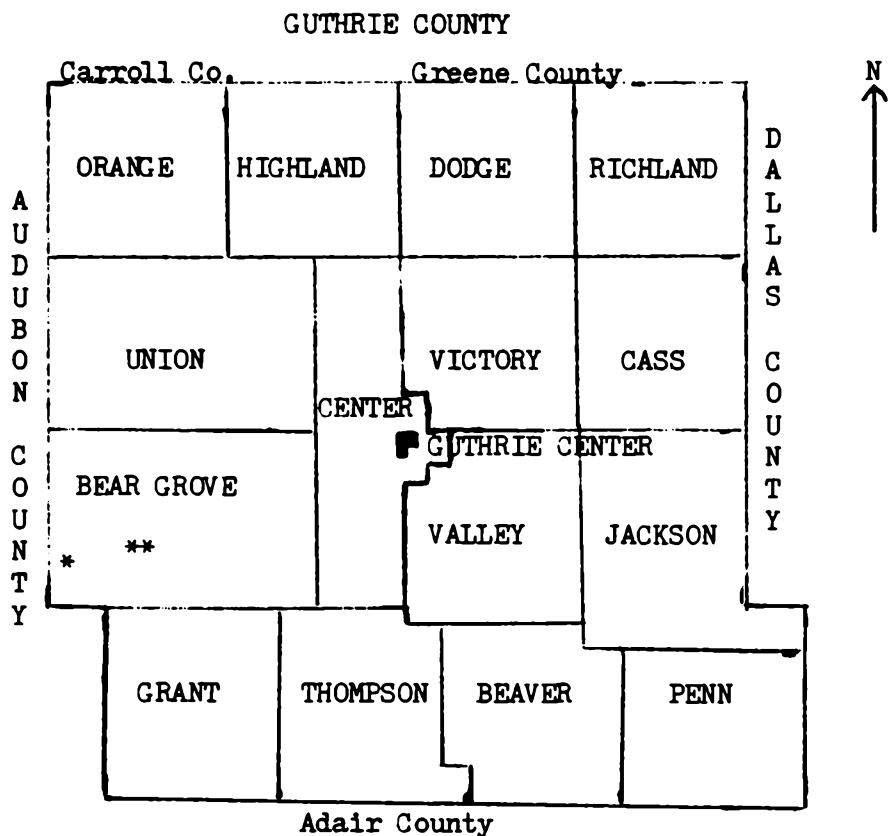
- a. Anna Esbech,
- b. Christiane Esbech,
- c. Margrethe Christine Esbech,
- d. Jens Andreas Esbech,
- e. Jens Peter Esbech,

II. Niels Larsen Esbech.

1. Arnold Esbech,
2. Kristian Esbech.

Iøvrigt er det en selvfølge, at denne Navneforandring bliver udnødvendigt følge for de pågældendes Bøstforhold til Tredlemænd, saa at de hverken skal tabe de af dem forhen under det tidligere Navn erhvervede Rettigheder eller fritages for de Forpligtelser, som de hidtil under dette Navn maatte have pådraget sig.

Forneden Tilførsel til vedkommende Ministerialbog om Navneforandringen vil være at foretage ved den pågældendes egen Foranstaltning



These are only some of the land transactions made by the Esbeck family in Guthrie County.

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7	8	9	10	11	12	7	8	9
BEAR GROVE TOWNSHIP								
18	17	16	15	14	13	18	17	16
19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21
*	30	29	28	27	26	25	30	29
31	32	33	34	35	36	31	32	33

\* Andrew N. Esbeck on Feb 1870 purchased 3½ A. (Lot # SW¼, NW¼, Sec 30, Twp 79N, R-33W) for \$50. In 1875 he sold this to his father.

\*\* Niels Jensen Esbeck on June 15, 1871 purchased 80 A. (S½, SW¼, Sec. 22, Twp 79N, R-33W) for \$400. from Geo C Tallman & wife. He sold this to son Andrew in 1874 for \$

\*\*John N. Esbeck on June 1871 purchased 80 A. (W½, S½, Sec 22, Twp 79N, R-33W) for \$400. from Geo. C. Tallman

wife. He sold this to his brother Lars in 1879 for \$500. Lars sold to William A. Reed in 1882 for \$1440.

Lars in 1906 purchased 15¼ & ¾ A. (NE¼, Sec. 27, Twp 80, R-33) from Perry J. Lansing and wife for \$5416.

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LARS N. ESBECK

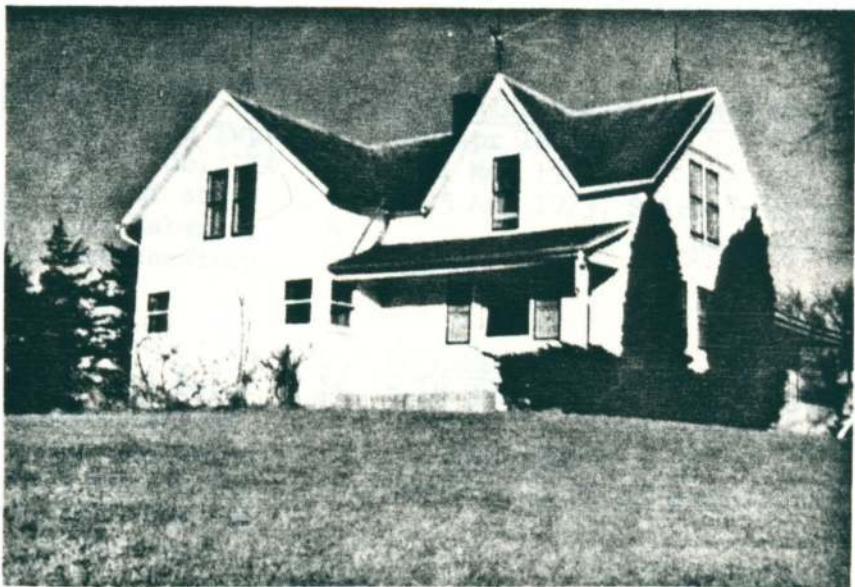
AGE 19

Taken in 1868

LARS N. ESBECK FARM HOME - THREE MILES EAST OF ELK HORN 1889



ANDREW, WILLIE, LARS, CHRISTINA, ANE KJARSTINE, MARY, SENNA, ANNA  
 ↓ holding EMMA ↓ holding LILLY SORNSON  
 Grandpa Grandma Great Grandma Sornson



SAME ESBECK FARM HOME - taken about 1960

## FOURTH KNOWN GENERATION - LARS N. ESBECK

LARS NIELSEN ESBECK married

b-1 Nov 1848, Brovst, Jutland, DK  
 d-6 Oct 1946, at home of daughter,  
 Sena Esbeck Mardesen  
 buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery  
 O-Farming Guthrie and Audubon  
 counties in Iowa

KJERSTINE MARIE (CHRISTINA) SORENSEN

b-2 Oct 1855, Swenstrup, Pr Tranum,  
 Jutland, Denmark  
 m-19 July 1874, Atlantic, IA  
 d-28 July 1926, at home in Elk Horn

CHILDRENSPOUSESNIELS ESBECK

b- 1875, Bear Grove Twp.,  
 Guthrie Co., IA  
 d- 1889 (age 13+)  
 buried- Elk Horn Cemetery

ANNA ESBECK

b-15 Febr 1877, Bear Grove Twp.,  
 Guthrie Co., IA  
 d-10 Nov 1949, Elk Horn, IA  
 buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery

MARY ESBECK

b-13 Jan 1879, Bear Grove Twp.,  
 Guthrie Co., IA  
 d-13 Jan 1950, Jenny Edmundson  
 Hosp., Council Bluffs, IA  
 buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery

ANDREW PETER ESBECK

b-26 June 1881, Bear Grove Twp.,  
 Guthrie Co., IA  
 d-1 May 1961, at home of son,  
 Orville Esbeck  
 buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery

SENA ESBECK

b-18 Febr 1884, Oakfield Twp.,  
 Audubon Co., IA  
 d-21 Oct 1960, Jenny Edmundson  
 Hosp., Council Bluffs, IA  
 buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery

JOHN P. JOHNSON

b- 1873  
 m-5 Mar 1895  
 d- 1944

LAWRENCE (L. W.) JOHNSON

b-22 Mar 1878, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  mile southeast  
 of Elk Horn, IA  
 m-11 Febr 1903  
 d-15 Oct 1954, Salem Invalid Home,  
 Elk Horn, IA

KATHERINE MARIE (TRENA) HANSEN

b-7 Apr 1887  
 m-11 Mar 1908  
 d-25 Aug 1973, Salem Invalid Home,  
 Elk Horn, IA

ED MARDESEN

b-18 Mar 1877, 2 miles southeast  
 of Elk Horn, IA  
 m-8 Mar 1905  
 d-14 Apr 1955, at home in Elk Horn

WILLIAM (WILLIE) ESBECK

b-10 May 1886, Oakfield Twp.,  
Audubon Co., IA

EMMA KATHRINE ESBECK

b-29 Sept 1888, Oakfield Twp.,  
Audubon Co., IA  
d-7 Jan 1958, at home in Elk Horn  
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery

CLARA ESBECK

b-19 Dec 1891, Oakfield Twp.,  
Audubon Co., IA  
d-15 May 1970, at home of daughter,  
Nadine Campbell  
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery

VIOLET ESBECK

b-29 Sept 1894, Oakfield Twp.,  
Audubon Co., IA

SENA HANSEN

b-23 Dec 1887, 2½ miles east of  
Elk Horn, IA  
m-14 June 1910, at home of bride's  
parents  
d-31 Dec 1963, at home in Elk Horn  
buried- Elk Horn Cemetery

HANS P. PETERSEN

b-4 Oct 1884  
m-18 Mar 1908  
d-12 Aug 1957

EDMUND (ED) D. MARQUESEN

b-12 Febr 1888  
m-4 Sept 1912  
d-8 June 1965, at home, Mount  
Prospect, IL

ARTHUR (ART) B. PETERSEN

b-30 Jan 1894, Audubon Co., IA  
m-19 July 1913, Esbeck home farm  
d-9 Mar 1978, Orlando, Fla.  
buried- Exira Cemetery



## SUMMARY OF THE LIFE OF LARS N. ESBECK

AS GIVEN BY ANNETTE JOHNSON AT ESBECK REUNION 1981

Lars N. Esbeck was born in 1848 on the Esbeck farm near Brovst, in Jutland, Denmark. When Lars was 14 years old, his brother, John, came to America where he worked as a carpenter in Pennsylvania. Three years later another brother, Andrew, came. Andrew was so enthusiastic about America and what it had to offer that he returned to Denmark two years later to bring the rest of the family over to the United States. In February of 1868, after traveling 30 days on the ocean, Metta Marie, Niels Jensen (Esbeck) and their five sons: Christen (and his wife and two sons), \*Andrew, Lars, Peter, Martin, and a Daughter; Karen Marie (and her son) arrived in the United States. Lars was 19 years old at the time. A daughter, Anna, who was married stayed in Denmark. Later two of Anna's children came to this country.

The family came to Genesco, Illinois, where John, the oldest son was then located. They lived in this area for a year before land was purchased in Bear Grove Township, Guthrie County, Iowa, which became the homestead for the Niels Jensen Esbeck family.

Lars and his brother, Peter, went to work for railroad construction crews. They worked on the Rock Island Railroad at Casey, Iowa, in 1869. When wages were cut from \$2.00 to \$1.75 per day they quit and went to Minnesota to work on the Northern Pacific Railway. Later they worked their way south helping with the construction of the Memphis and New Orleans Railroads. Lars visited the present site of Elk Horn in 1869, although there was no town then. He did remember a log cabin on what we know as the L. W. Johnson farm 2 miles south of Elk Horn.

In 1973 Lars purchased his first farm in Guthrie County. Sections of virgin prairie were bought practically for the asking.

In 1874 Lars married Christina Sorensen in Atlantic. They farmed in Guthrie County for eight years where Nels, Anna, Mary and Andrew were born. In 1882, thinking that the land further west was more productive, Lars bought 120 acres for \$10.00 an acre in Oakfield Township, Audubon, County. Lars stated that credit was not an unknown commodity when he first sought financial backing. Land was plentiful but interest rates were high. Twenty-five per cent was the common rate but by shopping around, Lars managed to find a banker who would settle for 12%.

Lars and his wife, Christina, lived on their farm three miles east of Elk Horn for 27 years. The rest of their children were born here - Sena, Willie, Emma, Clara, and Violet. Lars was a highly successful farmer and stockman. He also was prominent in that band of men who realized the value of roads and railroads. He was director of the farmer-built and-owned railroad that served the area.

In 1910 Lars and his wife retired to live in Elk Horn. They had seen their section of land develop from a vast prairie wilderness into a cultivated garden spot. Their pioneer labors were successful and they had amassed sufficient worldly goods to make their declining years comfortable.

\*Andrew also brought his new bride Maren Christina.

In 1924 Lars and Christina celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the home of their son, William, who was now the owner and farmer of the home place. At this celebration the Elk Horn band came out and furnished the music. A supper was served in three courses in a tent erected on the lawn north of the farm home. It was a fine celebration and a credit to their children who had arranged the event.

Christina died in 1926 at the age of 70 years. It was said in the newspaper account of her death - "The deceased was highly respected in the community. Her daily life was one of sunshine and inspiration to others. While she has passed from earth, her deeds and cares for the welfare of others will remain as a memory of a beautiful Christian life".

In 1935 the Elk Horn newspaper editor interviewed Lars who was then 86. This is what Lars said at that time - When asked if the farmers of the present day had as good a chance as those in the 80's to get ahead, Lars said, "that there was little or no credit available now. He bought his first farm and all equipment without money, in fact there wasn't any real money in those days".

Esbeck also said that taxes and interest were too high to permit anyone to get ahead. He thought the Frazier bill should be passed. "And why shouldn't the farmer have 3% money, instead of letting the insurance companies and loan companies have it at low rates, and then turn the same money over to the farmers at twice the rate?"

He also favors the government policy of putting needy families on land and providing them with stock and equipment so that they can become self-supporting. But Mr. Esbeck has no sympathy for those on relief who will not work and save, given the opportunity. "They ought to be put on the poor farm and made to work there", he said. "Myself, I have worked for 79 years and could still do a lick or two if my eyes weren't weak".

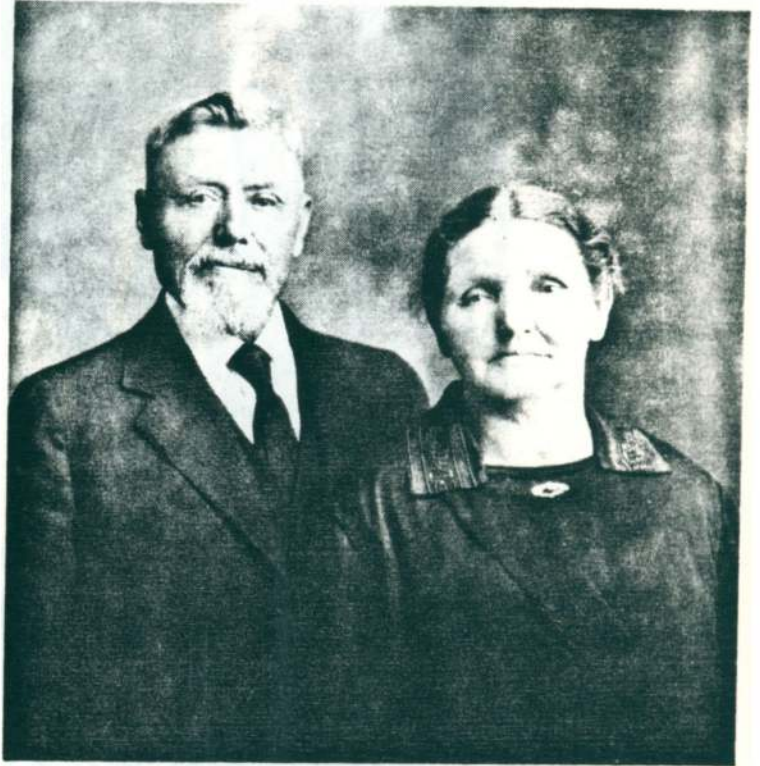
When only 6 years of age, Mr. Esbeck started working for his own support. He would get up early and get the farmers' stock and stake them out to grass. Then he would have to water them and move them to fresh grazing plots. He said that consequently he had little or no schooling and wasn't too good at writing or reading. "But I can figure with any of them in my head", he concluded.

In 1946 Lars Esbeck died at the age of 97 years and 11 months at the home of his daughter, Sena, four miles south east of Elk Horn. At the time of his death he was survived by eight children, 31 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. A rough count of his descendants to date stands at 260.

CHRISTINA and LARS N. ESBECK



WEDDING PICTURE  
1874



50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
1924



In front of their Elk Horn  
home - 1925



Lars and his horse "Burt"

(approximately 1915)



LARS N. ESBECK'S 90th BIRTHDAY



GREAT GRAND CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE

November 1, 1938

## TRIBUTE TO LARS AND CHRISTINA ESBECK

Written by Thelma Esbeck Wehde

1983

This is approximately the one hundredth anniversary of the Esbeck farm. The founders, Lars and Christina, formerly owned and farmed near Bear Grove in Guthrie County, Iowa. Lars sold that farm in 1882. He had already purchased 120 acres in Oakfield Township, Audubon County, Iowa for \$10.00 an acre. The interest rate on loans at that time was 25% but Lars found a banker who was content with 12% interest.

Lars' father, Niels, moved to Oakfield Township from Guthrie County in 1881. His wife, Metta Marie, Lars' mother had died in 1880 in Guthrie County, at the age of 71, and was buried in the Elk Horn Cemetery. Niels built a home about a mile north of Lars and Christina's farm. When he was 83, he married a second time to a neighbor, Mrs. Boose. This marriage was annulled after a few months.

Christina's parents, Ane Kjarstine and Anders Sorensen, also lived in Oakfield Township. Their farm was just across the road from Lars' new home which Knud Hansen helped build. Because they lived so close, Willie Esbeck has many fond memories of Christina's parents, Willie's grand parents. Anders, Christina's father was a very religious and devout Adventist. Psalm 119: 12-16 certainly applies to his life.

"Oh how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day,  
 Thy commandments made me wiser than mine enemies;  
 For they are ever with me.  
 I have more understanding than all my teachers;  
 For thy testimonies are my meditation.  
 I understand more than the aged, because I have kept thy precepts.  
 I have refrained my feet from evil way, that I might observe thy word.  
 I have not turned aside from thine ordinances; for thou hast taught me.  
 How sweet are thy words unto my taste!  
 Yea sweeter than honey to my mouth!  
 Through thy precepts I get understanding;  
 Therefore I hate every false way." King James Version

Anders had built a small chapel in the grape arbor west of their home. In his later years this is where he would pray and meditate on God's word most of the day. When his little grandson, Wallace Sornson, had been naughty he would always run to the chapel, there he knew he'd be safe with Grandpa. Anders was also a noted bee keeper. He never used netting when working with the bees. He would pick the bees up with his bare hands. If he found one that was barely moving, he would put it in his hand and blow on it until it would start flying.

Willie remembers his grandmother sitting in the east room of the house with a basket of apples. She would cut the apple in half and serve each person only half an apple. Christina, Willie's mother must have inherited this same trait. Altha Marquesen Barr, a granddaughter, remembers that Christina always served sliced apples to her guests.



Lars and Christina were married in a double wedding ceremony with her sister, Anna Kristine and Carl Nelson. They were married on July 19, 1874, at a church in Atlantic, Iowa. Christina was almost 19 and Lars was almost 26. Both had many talents and their personalities complimented each other. She was a marvelous cook and housekeeper and did lots of entertaining for her gregarious husband. He was always inviting someone for a meal or hiring another Danish immigrant as a hired man. The Danish immigrants liked to work for Lars during the winter so they could go to the Oakfield Township School and learn to speak English. Lars also had a small farmhouse south of his home where he let people stay till they were financially able to start on their own.

When they first bought the Oakfield Township farm in 1881 the land was a wilderness. Lars was noted for planting trees, and he especially liked walnut trees. He used red cedar for windbreaks, and hedge apple (Osage orange) trees were used as fences. Later generations of Esbecks have used these walnut trees to make valued pieces of furniture.

Lars was known as a very skilled horse trader. His grandson, Leonard Johnson, remembers his mother, Anna, telling about Lars leaving on Monday morning with his well-trained horse and dog. He would ride to Smith Lake, Gates, or someplace and trade a horse for two cows and then ride on and trade for more livestock at another place. He would return late on Wednesday with the livestock. He used his horse and dog to help him move the stock from one place to another. One of the favorite stories told about him was related by his granddaughter, Ramona Esbeck. Lars had been to a sale and later stopped at a cafe in Kimballton. He met C. C. Nelson and T. G. Jensen, and they wanted to know what he bought. Lars said, "I bought a couple of grays". T. G. wanted to know if he'd trade the two grays for a horse. The bargain was made, but the two grays turned out to be two gray geese! The deal was settled when Lars later agreed to give T. G. the two geese plus a keg of beer.

Lars was often consulted to decide the soundness of a horse. Pete Esbeck wanted to buy a company stallion from a man in Kimballton. They asked \$1,100.00 for the horse. When Lars checked it for Peter, he found it had a ring bone starting on one leg. Lars advised his brother, "At that price, you should be buying a sound and healthy horse". That stopped the sale. The seller was mad but Peter was thankful. Lars was very good at training and breaking horses for riding and for harness work. Willie remembers that he had two really nice grey ponies that hadn't been broken. Lars broke them in a hurry when he had a chance to trade them for 160 acres in Nebraska. When Lars went to Nebraska to check it out, he found that it only had a sod house on it and no other buildings. When he returned, he heard there was someone in Exira who wanted to move west. Lars went to talk to him and traded the land in Nebraska for a flour mill in Exira. Of course, Lars eventually traded the flour mill and made about \$5,000.00 on the deal. This was typical of his many intelligent dealings in land as well as livestock.

Christina was a very quiet, generous person. She gave of herself to her family and friends without the least concern over who would get the glory. There is a Bible passage which describes her characteristics. It is Proverbs 31: 25-31.

"She is a woman of strength and dignity, and has no fear of old age.

When she speaks, her words are wise, and kindness is the rule for everything she says. She watches carefully all that goes on throughout her household, and is never lazy. Her children stand and bless her; so does her husband. He praises her with these words: There are many fine women in the world, but you are the best of them all. Charm can be deceptive and beauty doesn't last, but a woman who fears and reverences God shall be greatly praised. Praise her for the many fine things she does. These good deeds of hers shall bring her honor and recognition from even the leaders of the nations."

Living Bible

Lars and Christina were blessed with nine healthy children. Nels, Anna, Mary, and Andrew respectively were born on their farm in Guthrie County. After the move to Oakfield Township - Sena, William, Emma, Clara, and Violet respectively were born at the family farm home. Their eldest son Nels died in 1889 at the age of thirteen.

Lars would often take Andrew and Willie to Omaha, Nebraska, to the cattle sales. They would spend the night with some of the Danish immigrants in Omaha who had once worked as hired hands for Lars. On one trip Lars and Willie stopped to see T. R. Westrup who lived between Kimballton and Harlan. He raised Shorthorn cattle. Willie remembered that Westrup had the world's record, at that time, for having sold the highest priced individual cow. It had sold for \$3,000.00.

Lars and Drace Sornson, his brother-in-law, started a sorghum mill. There was a big demand for honey and sorghum as sweeteners at that time. They planted sorghum and harvested the tops of the plants for chicken feed. The stalk was run through a grinder. The collected juice was boiled down to create the sorghum sweetener. Carl Nelson helped them build the mill and weld the huge boiler pans.

Lars loaned farmers heifers to raise. The farmers would get the milk and half of the calves born to the heifers. This meant that Lars would accumulate a large number of calves. At one time he had two hundred calves out on loan.

While he only had a third grade education, Lars was very good at mathematics. He could figure faster in his head than most people could on paper. He had a very good memory of Bible verses. When Willie was studying for confirmation class, Lars could finish the Bible verse Willie was trying to learn.

Violet and Clara, the two youngest and unmarried daughters, moved to Elk Horn with Lars and Christina in 1910. Lars and Christina bought one of the ten-acre plots available in Elk Horn. People could move to town and keep a team of horses, a couple of milk cows, and a few chickens. The first home they owned in Elk Horn was by the railroad tracks on the south side of town. After they had moved to the east part of town the home on the south side burnt.

Birthdays were always a grand occasion. It was a time for family and friends to get together and celebrate. Lars' birthday was November 1. This was the day before election and provided an excuse for special celebration. Lars was noted for making and serving good home-made wine. On his 90th birthday he gave all his grandchildren and their spouses a silver dollar.

On July 19, 1924, Lars and Christina were both in good health and their children planned a special golden wedding celebration. It was held on the lawn of the home farm, now the home of Willie and Sena Esbeck. There were eight children and spouses, 30 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, plus 250 other relatives and friends in attendance. A huge tent was placed on the lawn north of the farm home. The tables were decorated with gold and white streamers and individual favors were made for everyone. The waitresses wore matching gold and white aprons. Even the food carried out the white and gold theme. Carrots and white cucumbers, white cherries, white and gold cakes, and ice cream wafers were served. A large stalk of golden bananas hung in the center of the tent. The tent served as a dining room for the three course supper. One hundred twenty-five people could be seated at one time.

Thelma Esbeck Wehde also remembers that Grandpa Lars would stop at the home farm with bananas after he had been to Atlantic. Bananas were a rare treat at that time. Lars always carried candy corn to give to his grandchildren.

The grandchildren all vividly recall the family Christmas gatherings. A huge Christmas tree was hidden from view until Christmas Eve. Each grandchild would receive a large mesh stocking filled with nuts, apples, and oranges and a silver dollar hidden in the toe. The evening ended with lots of conversation and games for the grandchildren and food for all!

Christina passed away at her home in Elk Horn on July 28, 1926, at 70 years of age after a stroke which had left her paralyzed for a brief period preceding her death. Lars lived another 20 years, passing away on October 6, 1946. He was within 25 days of being 98 years of age. Lars lived the last few years with his daughter, Sena Mardesen, and passed away at her home 4 miles south east of Elk Horn. They were members of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church and are buried in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery.

Christina and Lars probably have more descendants than many young Danes who left their homeland in the nineteenth century. Eight of their children lived long and fruitful lives. At the present time Violet Esbeck Petersen, age 90, and William Esbeck, age 97, are still living. As of this date, June 1983, there are approximately 340 direct descendants of Christina and Lars Esbeck.

LARS N. ESBECK FAMILY



Back row - Willie and Mary 1903  
Front row - Sena and Andrew



Back row - Andrew Sena Willie 1908  
Middle - Emma Mary Anna Clara  
Front - Lars (father) Violet Christina (mother)



## MR. &amp; MRS L. W. JOHNSON (MARY ESBECK)

February 11, 1903

**Married Wednesday**

One of the prettiest and most elaborate weddings of the month was the one that took place in the church in Elkhorn last Wednesday when Lawrence Johansen and Miss Mary Esbeck were joined as husband and wife by Rev. Jersld before one of the largest crowds ever gathered for a like purpose in the church.

The bride was beautifully gowned in soft and clinging white that showed off her delicate beauty. Her attendants too showed off to their best. She is one of the best known young women in the country and is loved for her real worth as a good and noble woman.

The groom was attired in conventional black and was looking his best. He is one of the stalwart farmer citizens of the community conducting the affairs on their place south of town so as to show his entire ability to govern and manage his own affairs in the world. They will live on one of her father's farms during the coming year he having rented it and will take their place among the best families of the community.



Left to right: Men-Andrew Esbeck, N. H. Johnson, Henry Asgaard, L. W. Johnson  
Women- Mary Esbeck, Sena Esbeck, Clara Carston, Mandy Mardesen



WEDDING OF VIOLET ESBECK AND ARTHUR B. PETERSEN

JULY 19, 1913



PICTURE TAKEN AT BRIDE'S PARENTS (LARS N. ESBECK)

HOME

SOUTH PART OF ELK HORN

TAKEN MAY 10, 1914 - - at WILLIE ESBECK'S'



- |  |   |                     |
|--|---|---------------------|
| 1. Lilly Larsen                            | 13. Ed Mardesen                               | 25. Ruby Johnson    |
| 2. Trena Esbeck holding                    | 14. Lars N. Esbeck                            | 26. Selma Johnson   |
| 3. Sena Esbeck holding <sup>Earl</sup>     | 15. Nick Petersen                             | 27. Vernon Mardesen |
| 4. Willie Esbeck holding <sup>Howard</sup> | 16. Lena Larsen holding <sup>Vernon</sup>     | 28. Leslie Esbeck   |
| 5. L. W. Johnson                           | 17. Lawrence Larsen                           | 29. Leo Mardesen    |
| 6. Mary Johnson                            | 18. Nels B. Clemsen                           | 30. Merlyn Mardesen |
| 7. Rosie Johnson                           | 19. Nena Clemsen holding <sup>Christena</sup> | 31. Earl Johnson    |
| 8.   | 20. John F. Larsen                            | 32.                 |
| 9. Clara Fredricksen                       | 21. Henry Johnson                             | 33. Evelyn Mardesen |
| 10.  | 22. Beulah Clemsen                            | 34.                 |
| 11. Christina Esbeck                       | 23. Una Johnson                               | 35. Leland Esbeck   |
| 12. Sena Mardesen                          | 24.   | 36.                 |

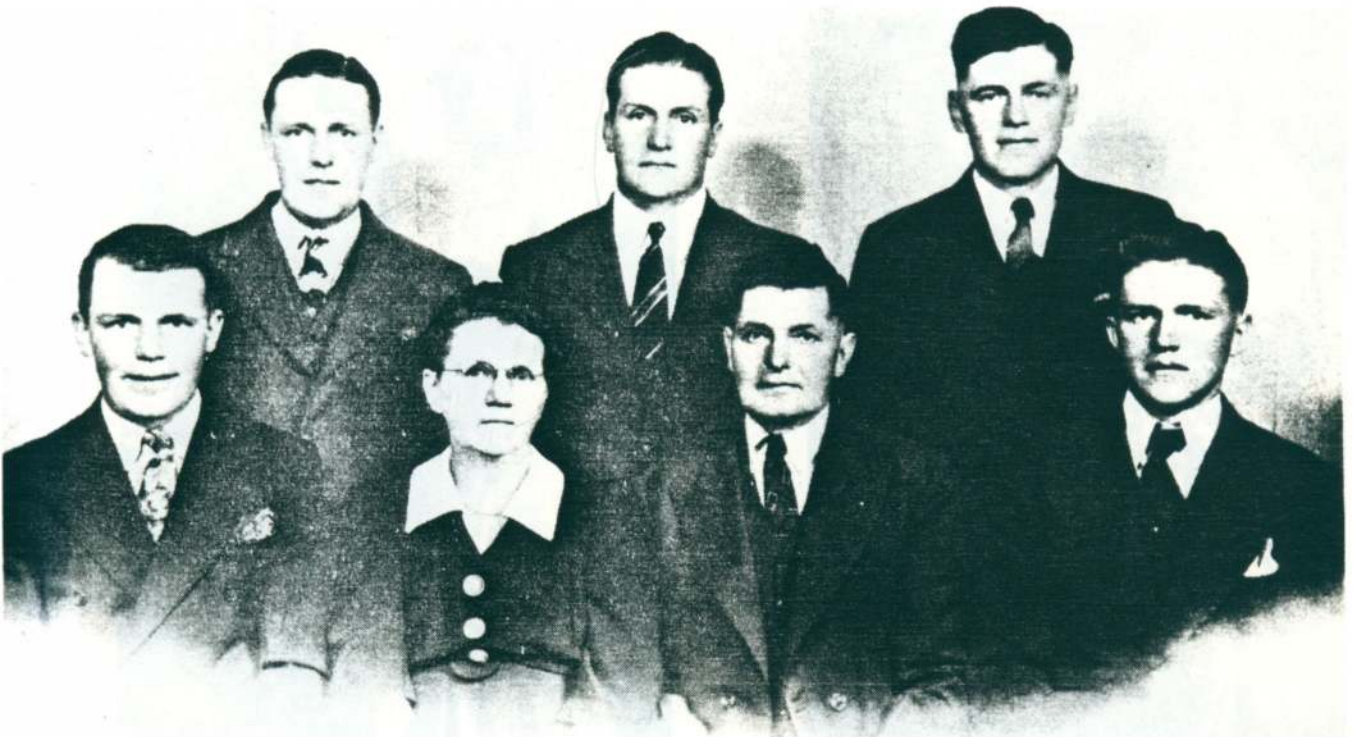


ANNA ESBECK (MRS. JOHN P. JOHNSON) & ANDREW ESBECK  
FAMILIES



Back- Arnold, Leona  
Center- John, Irma, Anna  
Front- Leonard

Taken about 1911



Back- Leslie  
Front- Kenneth Trena

Orville  
Andrew

Earl  
Lyle  
Taken about- 1940





MR. & MRS. ED MARDESEN (SENA ESBECK)  
March 8, 1905



MR. & MRS. HANS P. PETERSEN (EMMA ESBECK)  
March 18, 1908



MR. & MRS. ED MARQUESEN (CLARA ESBECK)  
September 4, 1912



MR. & MRS. ARTHUR B. PETERSEN (VIOLET ESBECK)  
July 19, 1913





WILLIAM ESBECK  
Age 18



SENA HANSEN (ESBECK)  
Age 18



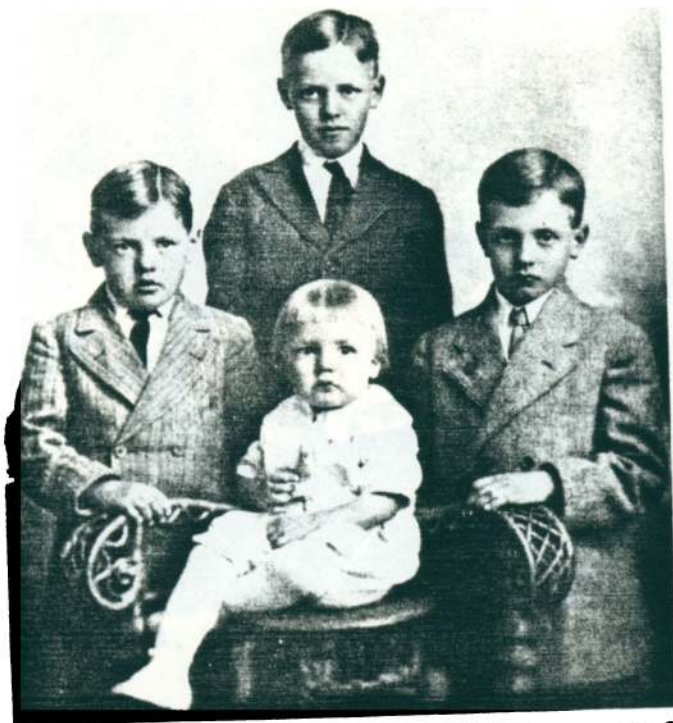
MR. & MRS. ANDREW ESBECK  
WIFE - TRENA HANSEN  
March 11, 1908



MR. & MRS. WILLIAM ESBECK  
WIFE - SENNA HANSEN  
June 14, 1910



COUSINS



EARL, LESLIE, ORVILLE, 1918  
KENNETH ESBECK



THELMA ESBECK 1926



VIOLA PETERSEN 1925



GLENN PETERSEN 1920



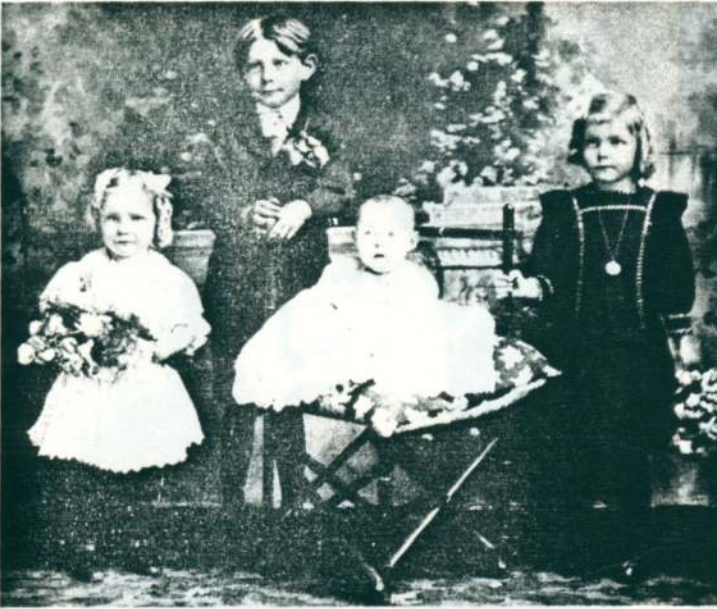
ALTHA MARQUESEN



ETHAN JOHNSON



COUSINS



UNA, HARVEY, CLIFFORD RUBY 1910  
JOHNSON



NADINE MARQUESEN 1930



ERVA PETERSEN 1916



ARNOLD PETERSEN 1925



COUSINS



ALTHA MARQUESEN 1932



IRMA JOHNSON 1920



RUBY JOHNSON 1922



EVELYN MARDESEN 1929

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## ANNA ESBECK AND JOHN P. JOHNSON &amp; FAMILY

Anna Esbeck was the first daughter and second child of Lars N. Esbeck and Christina Sorensen. She was born on a farm near Bear Grove in Guthrie County, Iowa and moved with her parents to a farm 3 miles east of Elk Horn when she was 5 years old.

On the fifth of March 1895 she married John P. Johnson. After their marriage they moved to a farm near Gates, Iowa. Their first son Arnold was born here. Eight children were born to Anna and John between 1896 and 1922. In 1897 they bought a farm 3 miles south and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile east of Elk Horn. In 1909 they built a five bedroom home on this farm. Irma Johnson Gibson, a daughter, remembers during this time when her father drove home a six passenger Hudson super 6, their first car. Things were going well for them.

In 1918, tragedy struck the family when their oldest son Arnold, age 22, died at Camp Dodge, Iowa, while in service during World War I. They had lost two sons earlier one at age 2 and another at 5 years of age. Anna and John decided to sell their farm and move to a smaller one near Dedham, Iowa. In 1919 they moved to Elk Horn, where they bought and operated a furniture store and funeral parlor. During the depression of the early 1930's they lost much as everyone did when Banks closed. In 1935 their youngest son Ethan was killed in an auto accident enroute to play basketball in a neighboring town. In 1944 John passed away.

This family had known many sorrows but Anna Esbeck Johnson found joy in serving others. She served for ten years as president of the Danish Lutheran Ladies Aid and devoted much time to her church and social work. She was a charter member of the Auxilliary of the Elk Horn Post of the American Legion. As a Gold Star mother she served on several occasions as a leader in the organization. Her home was always open and many stopped by for a cup of coffee or a meal.

Anna died at the Salem Invalid home in Elk Horn, Iowa of a heart ailment. Two of her daughters Mrs Harry Gibson (Irma) and Mrs. Victor Weber (Elaine), both registered nurses, had taken turns caring for her prior to her going to the Salem Invalid home.

ANNA ESBECK, married  
b-15 Febr 1877, Guthrie County, IA  
d- 10 Nov 1949, Salem Invalid Home  
Elk Horn  
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery

JOHN P. JOHNSON  
b- 1873  
m-5 Mar 1895  
d- 1944, cancer

I. Arnold Johnson  
b-2 July 1896, farm near Gates, IA  
d- 14 Oct 1918, at Camp Dodge, IA, World War I, Co. 56 USNA  
buried- Elk Horn Cemetery

II. Leona Krestine Johnson, married William (Bill) Jorgensen  
b-28 July 1898, farm south of b-27 June 1897, Kimballton, IA  
Elk Horn m-26 Jan 1921  
d-11 May 1972 d-30 Sept 1962  
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery (Parents- Hans Jorgensen and Katrine Pedersen)





They have lived in different homes but always in Des Moines, Iowa. Both Irma and Harry have had serious illness, but still consider themselves lucky. In November of 1983 they will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

- A. Marilyn J. Gibson, married Dewey Ohms, Anita, IA 50020  
 b-13 July 1928 b-22 Sept 1925  
 m-6 Nov 1947  
 O-Grad. ISU, Farming
1. Linda Suzanne Ohms, married Edward D. Heaton, Anita, IA 50020  
 b-24 June 1949 b-26 Dec 1947  
 O-Grad. Brookings SD, m-2 June 1969  
 Teacher O-Grad. Brookings SD, Print Shop
- a. Sandra Heaton  
 b-13 Oct 1973
- b. Sara Heaton  
 b-17 July 1976
2. Nancy Ann Ohms, married Mark R. Brown  
 b-14 Febr 1952 b-1 Aug 1951  
 O-Grad. Maryville, MO m-11 July 1975  
 O-Farming
- a. Jennie Brown  
 b-19 June 1979
- b. Jessica Brown  
 b-20 Nov 1981
3. Bruce Gibson Ohms  
 b-10 Dec 1952  
 O-Grad. ISU, CPA for Cargill
4. Gray Dean Ohms, married Lori Ludwig  
 b-14 Oct 1956 b-23 Apr 1961  
 O-Farming m-2 Aug 1981
- a. Nathan Ohms  
 b-9 Nov 1981
5. Tina Marie Ohms, married Mark Steffors  
 b-18 Sept 1958 b-17 Sept 1958  
 O-Grad. ISU, Mgr. Fashion m-17 Sept 1979  
 Gal Store O-Grad. ISU, Electrical Eng.
- B. John Clinton Gibson, married Audrey Johnson, 619 40th, Des Moines  
 b-17 May 1932 b-3 Nov 1931  
 O-Dist. Mgr. West Des Moines m-3 June 1950  
 School Maintances
1. Denise Irene Gibson, married Richard Allen  
 b-31 Aug 1951 b-29 May 1940  
 m-10 Apr 1981  
 O-TV Shop
2. Lynett Joy Gibson, married Gary Updegraff  
 b-20 May 1954 b-30 Mar 1956  
 O-Grad. of Grandview m-17 July 1982  
 O-Grad. of U. of I., Ins. Salesman
3. Dale Alan Gibson  
 b-25 Febr 1956  
 O-Filing Clerk

V. Harry Johnson  
 b- 1906  
 d-19 Oct 1911  
 buried- Elk Horn Cemetery

VI. Leonard Leroy Johnson, married Clara K. Lykke  
 b-26 Mar 1909 b-14 June 1912  
 O-Farming & Implement Dealer (Retired) m-20 Dec 1931  
 Res- Dayton, IA 50530



CLARA & LEONARD JOHNSON  
 1981

A. Roger Lykke Johnson, married Ann I. Hansen  
 b-17 Dec 1933 b-31 May 1939  
 O-Co-Mgr. & Owner of Stratford Implements, Stratford, IA m- 2 May 1959

1. Ethan D. Johnson (adopted as infant)  
 b-5 May 1964
2. Karen A. Johnson (adopted as infant)  
 b-29 Mar 1967

B. Shirley Ann Johnson, married Marvin Leroy Stakey, Stratford, IA  
 b-10 Apr 1935 50249  
 O-Grad. of ISU; IA State Extension Service, 4-H Staff b-11 May 1926  
 m-13 Mar 1960  
 O-Co-Mgr. & Owner of Stratford Implements

1. Lori Jo Anne Stakey  
 b-4 Dec 1961
2. Doren Leroy Stakey  
 b-31 Jan 1966

C. Nadine Ramona Johnson, married Robert E. Rosene, Perry, IA 50220  
 b-8 July 1943 b-28 July 1939  
 m-13 Dec 1964  
 O-Owner Rosene Implements, Perry, IA

1. Scott Robert Rosene (adopted as infant)  
 b-12 Nov 1969
2. Kristine Kay Rosene (adopted as infant)  
 b-28 Mar 1975

D. Rose Marie Johnson, married Louis Allen Stortenbecker, Rt. 3,  
 b-3 Jan 1945 Council Bluffs, IA 51501  
 b-29 Sept 1944  
 m-2 Apr 1968  
 O-Farming

1. Tamera Lynn Stortenbecker  
 b-26 Mar 1970
2. Todd Lewis Stortenbecker  
 b-14 Dec 1972



VII. Ethan Johnson  
 b-8 Dec 1916  
 d-1 Febr 1935, Auto accident enroute  
 to a basketball game  
 buried- Elk Horn Cemetery

VIII. Elaine Irene Johnson, married  
 b-27 July 1922  
 O-Nursing; Homemaker

Vic Weber, 2224 Birchmont Dr.  
 Bemidji, MN 56601  
 b-11 May 1922  
 m-15 Aug 1947  
 O-Doctorate Degree, Professor,  
 Bemidji

A. Robert Charles Weber, married  
 b-11 Oct 1948  
 O-B.S. & M.A. + Post Grad.,  
 Ass't. Prof.

1. Debra Elaine Nay  
 m-12 Aug 1972  
 dissolved 1980

2. Regina Barbara Merrill  
 b-3 Jan 1951  
 m-3 Apr 1983

1. Heidi Dawn Weber  
 b-1 Jan 1974

2. Mindy Rae Weber  
 b-21 July 1975

B. Steve John Weber, married  
 b-15 July 1951  
 O-B.S., Business

Lori Marie Lee, Rt. 3, Box 259  
 River Falls, Wisc. 54022  
 b-26 June 1954  
 m-25 June 1977  
 O-3 yrs. of college, Business

C. Diane Lee Weber, married  
 b-8 Jan 1957  
 O-3½ years of college

David Keith Norling, 14523 Pettycoat  
 Lane, Florrisant, MO 63034  
 b-11 Sept 1956  
 m-2 Sept 1978  
 O-B.S., Computers + Math.

1. Zachary Keith Norling  
 b-22 Dec 1981

## MARY ESBECK AND L. W. JOHNSON &amp; FAMILY



MARY AND L. W. AND THEIR GRANDCHILDREN about 1948

Left to right: Back row- Keith Johnson, Gayla Sindt, Yvonne Sindt,  
 Mariam Mae Farley, Pat Sindt  
 Front row- James Johnson, Joyce Johnson, L. W., Janice Johnson,  
 Mary, Lynn Johnson, JoAnn Farley

## SONS &amp; SON-IN-LAWS

## DAUGHTERS &amp; DAUGHTER-IN-LAWS



Left to right: Febr. 1954  
 Clifford Johnson, Harvey Johnson  
 Gus Sindt, Wilmer Farley



Una Farley, Beulah Johnson,  
 Genevieve Johnson, Ruby Sindt



Wilmer Farley  
Family - 1948

JoAnn, Una, Wilmer,  
Mariam Mae



"Shooting the Bull" Clifford, L. W., Harvey, Wilmer  
1942



Clifford & Genevieve Johnson  
1982



Gus and Ruby Sindt - 1925

## MARY ESBECK AND L. W. JOHNSON AND FAMILY

Mary Esbeck was the second daughter and third child of Lars N. Esbeck and Christina Sorensen. Mary's baptismal name was Meta Marie. She was born on a farm near Bear Grove in Guthrie County, Iowa and moved with her parents to a farm 3 miles east of Elk Horn when she was 3 years old.

On February 11, 1903 she was united in marriage to Lawrence William Johnson (baptismal name Laurits Wilhelm Johansen) at the Elk Horn Lutheran church. After their marriage they moved to a farm owned by Lars N. Esbeck 2 miles east and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of Elk Horn. This farm was homesteaded by Lars' brother Andrew in 1879. They lived here for five years before they bought a farm and moved 2 miles south and  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile east of Elk Horn where they lived the rest of their lives. This farm was named and known as the "Highland Hereford Farm".

They shipped cattle and hogs to Omaha and Chicago, and drove them two miles to a railroad loading chute in the early years.

In 1924 they tore down the old brick house and built a new home. L. W. was a modern day farmer and followed much of the teachings of Iowa State College. He purchased ten registered Hereford heifers and a Hereford bull in 1921. He stayed in the business until he left the farm. He and his sons showed at county, state, and national shows. His top prize was showing the Grand Champion female at the International Livestock Show in 1930. He also had the reserve champion bull and champion pen of 3 bulls. His son Clifford showed the Grand Champion 4-H calf at the International in 1927. All of the cattle were sired by their first bull, Bruce Domino.

L. W. was active in Republican politics. He was a great sportsman and sports fan. He was active in community improvement programs. Their farm was one of the first wired for electricity, starting in 1924 with a battery system and later with the R. E. A. They were one of the first farms to have a radio.

Mary was a person with great patience and was always busy making things pleasant for loved ones, neighbors, and friends. Her home was always open in genuine hospitality.

After Mary's death in 1950, L. W. stayed on the farm and opened a meat market in Elk Horn which he operated for a few years.

Their children were Harvey, Ruby, Una, and Clifford.

<u>MARY MARIE ESBECK</u> , married	LAWRENCE (L. W.) JOHNSON
b-13 Jan 1879, Guthrie County, IA	b-22 Mar 1878, $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi. SE of Elk Horn
d-13 Jan 1950, Jenny Edmundson	m-11 Febr 1903, Elk Horn Lutheran Ch.
Hosp., Council Bluffs, IA	d-15 Oct 1954, Salem Invalid Home,
Heart trouble	Elk Horn, IA
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery	O-Farming
	(Parents- Jens Christian Johansen and
	Dorthea Marie Katrine Jensdatter)





BEULAH & HARVEY JOHNSON

1970



KEITH JOHNSON FAMILY

Left to right:  
Standing- Kris, Linette, Kurt  
Seated- Susan, Annette, Keith

1973



LYNN JOHNSON FAMILY

Connie, Alissa, Lynn,  
Nicholas (in front)

1978



- I. Harvey William Johnson, married Beulah Anna Larsen, Elk Horn, IA 51531  
 b-22 Jan 1904, 2 mi. E. and  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. b-22 Mar 1910,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mi. S. of Elk Horn  
 of Elk Horn m-22 Sept 1928, Parsonage in Elk Horn  
 d-13 Nov 1976, heart attack at (Parents- Lewis Larsen and Minnie  
 home in Elk Horn Carlson)  
 buried- Elk Horn Cemetery  
 O-Farming, State Representor 5  
 terms, Pres. of Danish Mutual Ins.

Harvey William Johnson was born in Audubon County, when his parents lived 2 miles east and  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile south of Elk Horn. On September 22, 1928, he married Beulah Larsen. Two sons were born to them, Keith William and Lynn William. Lynn William was born in the same house and farm as Harvey.

Beulah and Harvey started their married life on a farm  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles south of Elk Horn and in 1932 moved to the farm which was Harvey's birthplace. Later they purchased this 160 acre farm from the Metropolitan Insurance Company and 80 acres from the Lars N. Esbeck Estate. In 1957 they purchased 320 acres north east of Kimballton, making a total of 560 acres.

Harvey was a 4-H leader and was interested in the registered Hereford cattle. He and his father had an outstanding herd and won many ribbons at local, state, and national shows.

Harvey was an active member of many organizations and community projects. He served at various times as officer of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, Farmers Fire Protective Association, Danish Mutual Insurance, Audubon County Farm Bureau, Farm Service Cooperative, and Iowa Hereford Association.

Harvey was active in the Republican Party and was elected in 1955 to the House of Representatives and served for 5 regular sessions and one special session of the Iowa General Assembly.

Harvey and his sons farmed the 560 acres in partnership. Keith married Annette Overgaard July 20, 1952. They moved to the 320 acre farm southeast of Kimballton. Keith was a Farm Bureau member, a 4-H leader, a member of the Kimballton Immanuel Lutheran Church board, served 12 years on the board for A & G Farm Service, and 6 years on the Audubon Community School board. Keith died at his home on May 16, 1978 of cancer. His oldest son Kurt has continued the farming operation.

Lynn married Constance Pillar August 1, 1970. They live on the home place east of Elk Horn, and have purchased and added another 160 acres to this farm. Lynn has been active in Audubon County Farm Bureau, holding all the offices, and was elected to the 60th Convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation. He has served on the County Conservation board, was director of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church board and past president of the Iowa International Farm Youth Exchange Alumni Association. Lynn is presently serving as one of Oakfield Township Trustees and is active in the Republican Party. In 1976, he worked on the State Platform committee. Lynn is now serving on the Elk Horn Kimballton Community School board.

Harvey and Beulah moved to Elk Horn in 1971. Harvey died in 1976 of a heart attack. Beulah continues to live in Elk Horn.

- A. Keith William Johnson, married  
 b-21 Nov 1931, Atlantic Hosp.  
 d-16 May 1978, at home  
 O-Farming  
 buried- Kimballton Cemetery
- Annette Overgaard  
 b-13 July 1934  
 m-20 July 1952, Kimballton, IA  
 (Parents- Nels Overgaard and  
 Nadjeschda Lynge)
- 2nd m-17 June 1983 to Eigel Marius (Andy)  
 Andersen, b-8 Mar 1929, Denmark  
 O-Nat. Sales Director for Danish  
 Brotherhood
1. Susan Carol Johnson, married  
 b-13 Nov 1952, Audubon Hosp.
  - Jellery Louis Edwards, Audubon, IA  
 b-5 Jan 1951  
 m-5 July 1973  
 O-Farming & Garst Co. Fertilizer  
 Dept.  
 (Parents-Dale Edwards and Ruth  
 Campbell)
  - a. Mathew Ryan Edwards  
 b-9 Apr 1976
  - b. Kellie Ann Edwards  
 b-12 Aug 1977
  - c. Brett Andrew Edwards  
 b-8 June 1982
2. Karl William Johnson  
 b-16 Apr 1954, Audubon Hosp.  
 d-16 Apr 1954  
 buried- Kimballton Cemetery
  3. Linette Sue Johnson, married  
 b-11 Febr 1957, Audubon Hosp.
  - Randall Kenneth Hadley, Urbandale, IA  
 b-21 Aug 1954  
 m-7 Aug 1976  
 O-Grad. of U. of I., Prudential  
 Ins. Agent, Des Moines, IA  
 (Parents- Kenneth Hadley)
  - a. Jessie Louise Hadley  
 b-7 Dec 1982
4. Kurt William Johnson  
 b-15 Nov 1959, Harlan Hosp.  
 O-Farming
- Twins
5. Lois Marie Johnson  
 b-15 May 1962, Harlan Hosp.  
 d-17 May 1962  
 buried- Kimballton Cemetery
  6. Lisa Ann Johnson  
 b-15 May 1962, Harlan Hosp.  
 d-17 May 1962  
 buried- Kimballton Cemetery
7. Kris William Johnson  
 b-16 June 1965, Harlan Hosp.

- B. Lynn William Johnson, married Constance (Connie) Piller, Rt. 2,  
 b-6 Aug 1936, two mi. E,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. S Exira, IA 50076  
 of Elk Horn b-9 July 1942, Madison, Wisc.  
 O-Farming m-1 Aug 1970, Granger, IA  
 (Parents- Alvin L. Piller and  
 Susan Capaul)  
 O-Degree in Eng. Lit., Social worker  
 consultant, Elk Horn Salem Home
1. Alissa Jane Johnson  
 b-19 Aug 1973, Harlan Hosp.
  2. Nicholas William Johnson  
 b-8 June 1975, Harlan Hosp.

- II. Ruby Viola Johnson, married Gus Sindt  
 b-24 Feb 1906, two mi. E. &  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. S. b-22 Nov 1899  
 of Elk Horn m-12 Nov 1925  
 d-22 Dec 1968, Lincoln, NB 2nd m-16 Oct 1971 to Merna Wilhelmina  
 buried- both Lincoln Memorial Schultzt  
 Cemetery, Lincoln, NB d-27 Apr 1982  
 O-Musician; Tool & Die worker

Ruby Viola Johnson was born 2 miles east and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of Elk Horn. She married Gus Sindt on November 12, 1925. They lived their first years of marriage in a farm home 2 miles south of Elk Horn.

Gus Sindt was a self-taught musician, born and raised on a farm near Woodbine, Iowa. He played violin at dances as early as 7 years of age. He ran away from home to join the Navy, lying about his age in order to be accepted. Part of his 5 year Navy career was spent in Hawaii where he learned the Hawaiian music he played on his guitar.

Gus played with a musical group at many of the barn dances held at Andrew Esbeck's farm 7 miles south of Brayton. Gus joined a musical group in the 1930's that played for different radio stations in Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska for 13 years.

In 1939 the family moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, and in 1940 Gus gave up his musical career to work as a tool and die maker for Cushman Motor in Lincoln.

Ruby was devoted to her family. She was a good seamstress and in her later years did much handwork to give to her children.

Gus and Ruby had two daughters, Yvonne and Gailya, both born at their farm home south of Elk Horn. A son Gus William (Pat) was born after they left the Elk Horn community.

Their eldest daughter Yvonne met Neal Pettit from Weslaco, Texas while he was a first Lt. Navigator and stationed at Lincoln Air Force Base during World War II. Neal was then transferred to England. His plane was shot down on his 27th bombing run over Germany and he was a prisoner of war for 30 days. He returned to Lincoln in June of 1945 at which time Yvonne and Neal were married. Their three children were born in Lincoln. Vickie Pettit was the first great-great grandchild of Lars and Christina Esbeck. When Vickie was to be a month old, Yvonne

and her mother had planned to come to Elk Horn in order to have a five generation picture taken. Unfortunately, Lars died a few days before the plans could be carried out.

Gailya Sindt was discovered to be diabetic at 10 months of age. She had to have three insulin shots a day for the rest of her life. She married Paul Bouma in 1952 and they shared several later tragedies in life. Their first child weighed 10 pounds and was born dead when delivered by a Caesarean operation. Their second child, Aloma Diann, was delivered too early and the optic nerves were not completely developed. Aloma Diann weighed only 4 lbs. and spent her first months in an incubator. At three months of age the doctors discovered she was totally blind in one eye and only 20% vision in the other eye. Gailya died when Aloma was 10 years old. Aloma attended regular school and graduated from the University of Nebraska in Journalism.

Gus William Sindt known as Pat graduated from the Chicago Institute of Art and is a commercial artist. He currently lives in California and is the owner of a wine magazine. He is married to Delores Tucker.

Ruby died of cancer in 1968. Gus in 1971 married Merna Schultz. He died in 1982 of Alzheimer disease, which is a slow degeneration of mental capacities.

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| <p>A. Yvonne Lotus Sindt, married<br/>b-21 Aug 1926<br/>O-Bowling Instructor</p>  | <p>Neal Warren Pettit, 6600 Gladstone,<br/>Lincoln, NB 68507<br/>b-11 July 1920<br/>m-10 June 1945<br/>O-Heavy duty equipment Mechanic</p> |
| <p>1. Vickie Carol Pettit, married<br/>b-7 Sept 1946.<br/>O-School Bus driver</p>   | <p>Ronald Eugene Olsen, 12401 East<br/>Holdrege, Lincoln, NB 68527<br/>b-9 Oct 1946<br/>m-9 Oct 1966<br/>O-Builder and Carpenter</p>       |
| <p>a. Shon Eugene Olsen<br/>b-8 Aug 1968</p>  |  |
| <p>b. Kim Rene Olsen<br/>b-19 Apr 1973</p>  |  |
| <p>c. Kelly Lynn Olsen<br/>b-27 July 1977</p>   |  |
| <p>2. Scott Lee Pettit, married<br/>b-13 Oct 1948<br/>O-Grad. U. of NB; Computers-<br/>Data Base Mgr. Fed. Cred.<br/>Bank</p>       | <p>Cheryl Martin, 321 South 155th Ave.,<br/>Omaha, NB 68154<br/>b-1 Mar 1948<br/>m-21 Nov 1969<br/>O-Seamstress</p>                        |
| <p>a. Kerry Lea Pettit<br/>b-10 June 1970</p>   |  |
| <p>b. Shandra DeAnn Pettit<br/>b-2 June 1974</p>  |  |
| <p>3. Tracy Neal Pettit, married<br/>b-14 Oct 1954<br/>O-Grad. U. NB; Computers-<br/>Assoc. Analyst Engr., Lincoln<br/>Electric</p> | <p>Susan Elinor Dingwell<br/>b-11 May 1957<br/>m-25 Sept 1982<br/>O-Grad. U. NB; Account Processor</p>                                     |



- B. Gailya Athelea Sindt, married Paul LeRoy Bouma  
 b-5 Dec 1929 b-31 Mar 1930  
 d-11 July 1965 m-5 Febr 1952  
 buried-Lincoln Memorial Cemetery O-Carpenter
1. Aloma Joy Bouma  
 b-17 Febr 1953  
 d-17 Febr 1953  
 buried- Lincoln Memorial Cemetery
  2. Aloma Diann Bouma, married Dale L. Rotschafer, Lincoln, NB  
 b-29 June 1955 b-13 Dec 1950  
 O-Grad. U. NB, Journalism m-20 Sept 1975  
 dissolved Febr 1979
- C. Gus William (Pat) Sindt, married Delores Marie Tucker, Los Angles, CA  
 b-14 Oct 1933 b-7 Oct 1933  
 O-Grad. Chicago Institute of Art, m-30 Aug 1952  
 Commercial Artist
1. Lori Marie Sindt  
 b-9 Sept 1953  
 d-14 Sept 1953  
 buried- Lincoln Memorial Cemetery
  2. Michael William Sindt, married Lisa Jay Furlong, 3415 Humboldt Ave.,  
 b-4 June 1955 S., Minneapolis, MN 55408  
 O-Bartender b-26 July 1956  
 m-15 Sept 1979  
 (Baby due Nov. 1983)
  3. Linda Diane Sindt  
 b-30 Sept 1957
- III. Una Evelyn Johnson, married Wilmer Reid Farley  
 b-15 Aug 1908, two mi. S &  $\frac{1}{4}$  mi. E b-15 Nov 1905, Poweshiek Co.  
 of Elk Horn, IA m-15 Jan 1930  
 d-1 June 1971, Atlantic Hosp. O-Farming one mile east of Elk Horn  
 cancer d-12 July 1978  
 buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery 2nd m- 1973 to Genevieve Allen Lowary  
 (Parents- Joseph S. Farley and Clara Ann Reid)
- A. Mariam Mae Farley, married Randall Ganfield  
 b-8 May 1932 b-15 Jan 1932  
 m-24 June 1951  
 dissolved
1. Cyndonna Le Ganfield, married Warren Lewis  
 b-4 Oct 1953 b-  
 m-29 Dec 1972
- a. Phillip Lewis  
 b-1 Oct 1975
- B. JoAnn Farley, married David Fossy, Kansas City, MO  
 b-20 July 1939 b-15 June  
 m-12 June 1961  
 dissolved
1. Reid John Fossy  
 b-30 May 1963



Clifford was active in the Extension Association and served as President of that group and of the Epsilon Sigma Phi Honorary Fraternity. Some community activities include President of the County Red Cross, Fund Chairman of the Cancer Society, President of Adult Education board, Boy Scout advisor, secretary of the Rural Community Development board, secretary of the Soil Conservation District, Ak-Sar-Ben of Omaha - membership team, member of Rotary Club, and secretary of the Seed corn board. He received the honorary "I" award from the Omaha, Council Bluffs, Iowa State University Club and was elected as a Hall of Fame member of the Council Bluffs Bowling Association.

In 1953 Clifford was selected as the outstanding County Agent in the midwest and was awarded a three week agricultural study trip to several countries in Europe. Clifford was chosen by People-to-People to head up a youth tour to Europe in 1968. Eight countries including Denmark were visited by this delegation.

Writing is also one of Clifford's attributes. He wrote a weekly column for the Council Bluffs Nonpareil and received State and National recognition for his articles. He also wrote articles for magazines and had one published in an Argentine agricultural magazine.

Because of his many achievements, Clifford was honored as an American Leader in the 1971 edition of Personalities of the West and Midwest.

- A. Joyce Marie Johnson, married  
b-22 Aug 1936  
O-Dance Instructor
- Emmett J. Talty, 20 Sylvan Dr.,  
Council Bluffs, IA 51501  
b-20 Apr 1930  
m-14 Nov 1959  
O-Candle Production
1. Jeanine Marie Talty  
b-5 Nov 1960
  2. Joan Kathleen Talty  
b-27 Febr 1962
  3. Janet Ann Talty  
b-6 June 1963
  4. Jerald Charles Talty  
b-9 Aug 1965
  5. Judy Kay Talty  
b-30 Oct 1970
- B. James Clifford Johnson II, married Gayla Layne Mingus, 3 Wenwood Circle,  
b-27 June 1940  
O-Grad. ISU; Agr. Loans at State Bank & Trust, Co. Bluffs
- Council Bluffs, IA 51501  
b-12 Apr 1945  
m-5 Mar 1966  
O-attended ISU
1. Julie Ann Johnson  
b-29 Aug 1966
  2. James William Johnson  
b-13 Febr 1969
  3. Jane Suzanne Johnson  
b-26 Oct 1971
  4. Jason Robert Johnson  
b-25 July 1974

C. Janice Charleen Johnson, married Fritz Tiarks, 1402 Baldwin, Harlan,  
 IA 51537  
 b-31 Dec 1942  
 O-Dance Instructor  
 b-12 Nov 1937  
 m-25 Nov 1961  
 O-Farm Service Co.

1. Jay Fredrick Tiarks  
b-6 Nov 1962
2. Jill Rachele Tiarks  
b-8 Dec 1966
3. Joy Leanne Tiarks  
b-9 Aug 1971
4. Larry Allan Kuehl (Foster son)  
b-6 Nov 1963
5. Janell Meta Marie Tiarks  
b-9 Dec 1981
6. Jackie Sue Tiarks (adopted)  
b-12 Aug 1980

TIARKS FAMILY



1981  
 Left to right:  
 Back- Larry, Janell, Fritz, Jay, Jaclyn Sue,  
 Janice, Jill  
 Front- Joy, Malinda Kay (Foster child)

TALTY FAMILY



Left to right: Jeanine, Joan, Emmett, Joyce,  
 Jerald, Janet  
 Front- Judy

1980

JIM'S FAMILY



Back- Gayla, Jim, Julie  
 Front- James, Jason, Jane

1979



ANDREW ESBECK AND TRENA HANSEN - FAMILY



TRENA & ANDREW ESBECK - 1960



Left to right: Back row- Lyle, Kenneth, Orville, Earl  
Front- Jessie, Elizabeth, Amber, Trena, Erma 1967



Left to right: Lyle, Kenneth, Earl, Orville 1967

## KATHERINE MARIE HANSEN AND ANDREW P. ESBECK &amp; FAMILY

Andrew Peter Esbeck was the second son and fourth child of Lars N. Esbeck and Christina Sorensen. Andrew was born June 26, 1881, on a farm near Bear Grove in Guthrie County, Iowa, and moved with his parents to a farm 3 miles east of Elk Horn when he was one year old.

Andrew attended rural school in Oakfield Township, Audubon County and farmed with his father till March 11, 1908, when he married Katherine Marie (Trena) Hansen at the Oak Hill church. They farmed 2 miles east of Elk Horn for 12 years on the farm homesteaded in 1879 by his uncle Andrew N. Esbeck. They enjoyed the inventiveness of this uncle who had water piped from a spring into the farm home, hog house, and cattle barn. In 1920 the family moved to a farm 10 miles northeast of Atlantic, where they farmed till their youngest son, Lyle, married and took over the farm. Andrew and Trena retired to a farm home near by. They lived there 12 years.

Their six children were all boys: Leslie, Orville, Earl, Kenneth, Dale, and Lyle.

Because of Andrew's failing health they lived with their son Orville for seven weeks prior to Andrew's death on May 1, 1961. Trena then moved to Atlantic, Iowa, and lived there until poor health caused her to move to the Salem Invalid home in Elk Horn. She died August 25, 1973.

ANDREW PETER ESBECK, married  
b-26 June 1881, Guthrie Co.  
d-1 May 1961, at home of son,  
Orville  
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery  
O-Farming

KATHERINE MARIE (TRENA) HANSEN  
b-7 Apr 1887  
m-11 Mar 1908  
d-25 Aug 1973, Salem Invalid Home  
Elk Horn

I. Leslie N. Esbeck, married  
b-6 Jan 1909  
O-Farmed one mile east of Elk  
Horn 6 yrs., then entered  
Sales Business  
Res.-3026 Vane St., Omaha, NB  
68112

1. \*Cecelia Brown  
m-27 Febr 1931, Atlantic, IA  
dissolved 1970

2. Ann Anderson  
b-18 Jan 1917  
m-24 July 1971

A. Laverne Esbeck\*, Rt. 1, Box 102, Crescent, IA 51526  
b-25 Sept 1934  
O-Farming; In 1972 recognized  
as Iowa's Nat. corn grower,  
3rd in National corn Ass'n.,  
(207.84 bu. per A.) won 2 wk.  
trip of Spain and Italy

m-9 Dec 1955 to Magda Albertson  
dissolved 1976

1. Brian Neal Esbeck  
b-31 Dec 1957  
O-Grad. of ISU, Landscape Architect

2. Brenda Marie Esbeck, married Neal Larsen, Rt. 1, Elk Horn, IA  
b-12 Jan 1960  
b-2 July 1958  
m- 1978  
O-Farming

(asterisk denotes mother)

- a. Mathew Neal Larsen  
b-5 Aug 1980
  - b. Colby Glenn Larsen  
b-5 May 1983
  - 3. Rebecca Rae Esbeck  
b-30 Mar 1980
- B. Belva Jean Esbeck\*, married Willeam Allan Brown, 16317 C. St.  
b-9 Aug 1940 Armbrust Acres, Omaha, NB 68130  
O-Real Estate; Rec'd. outstanding award 1982 for \$6,111,550 sales volume b-5 Febr 1939  
m-17 Apr 1960  
O-Computer Analysis Engr.
- 1. Bradley Allan Brown  
b-10 June 1961  
O-Student in Marketing, at a recent convention of the College Newspaper Bus. & Adv. mgrs., Bradley was named 1982-83 Sales Representative of the year.
  - 2. Jody Jean Brown  
b-20 Febr 1963  
O-Optical Co.
  - 3. DeAnn Michelle Brown  
b-17 Apr 1969
- II. Orville George Esbeck, married Amber Jayne Both, Rt. 1, Brayton, IA  
b-11 July 1910, 2 mi. E. of Elk Horn 50042  
b-10 Oct 1912, near Atlantic  
m-11 Dec 1929, Corning, IA  
d-1 Febr 1980  
buried- Exira Cemetery  
O-Farming

Orville George Esbeck attended Benton Country School and Elk Horn High School. He married Amber Both in Corning, Iowa on December 11, 1929. Orville and Amber Esbeck began farming in the Brayton community 15 miles northeast of Atlantic. Their four children were born here: Lamar, Eldon, Roger, and Glenn. They graduated from Atlantic and Exira High Schools.

Orville and Amber celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 11, 1979.

Orville passed away the following February 1, 1980, having resided on the same farm for 40 years. Amber continues to make that her home.

- A. Lamar Gene Esbeck, married Ruth Harris, 2621 So. Lakeview Dr.,  
b-25 Dec 1930 Clear Lake, IA 50248  
O-Grad. ISU, Voc. Ag. Educ. b-11 July 1930  
m-21 Dec 1956, (2nd m- for Ruth)
- 1. Any Louise Esbeck, married Brian VanderWilt, Buffalo, IA 50424  
b-25 Febr 1953 b-31 July 1953  
m-3 Mar 1973  
O-Banking
  - a. Cara Ann VanderWilt  
b-8 July 1978
  - b. Trisha Lynn VanderWilt  
b-11 Sept 1979

ORVILLE ESBECK - FAMILY



AMBER & ORVILLE ESBECK  
50th Anniversary 1979



ELDON & MYRNA ESBECK  
25th Anniversary 1982



GLENN & CONNIE ESBECK - 25th ANNIVERSARY 1983

Left to right: Back row- Randy, Dennis, Janet (Dennis' wife), Jon,  
Tracy Olson (Foster daughter)  
Front- Tiffannie Olson (Foster daughter), Glenn,  
Michelle and Jessie (grand-daughters), Connie



2. Jeffery Kim Esbeck, married Peggy Marturello, 2606 S. E. 17th St.,  
 b-4 Sept 1954 Des Moines, IA 51320  
 O-Accountant b-2 June 1956  
 m-20 Dec 1980
    - a. Kelly Jo Esbeck  
 b-5 Apr 1982
  3. Timothy John Esbeck, married Jennifer Schmit, 204 S. 8th St.,  
 b-12 Mar 1956 Clear Lake, IA 50248  
 O-Mgr. Savings & Loan b-19 Nov 1957  
 m-28 Aug 1981
    - a. Joslyn Joe Esbeck  
 b-21 Aug 1980
  4. Steven Todd Esbeck  
 b-2 May 1958
  5. Ann Margaret Esbeck, married Michael Vroom, 10057 7th Ave., N.,  
 b-23 Oct 1962 Clear Lake, IA 50248  
 b-1 Mar 1963  
 m-28 May 1982  
 O-Grocery Clerk
    - a. Bryon Michael Vroom  
 b-14 May 1983
- B.
- Eldon Neal Esbeck, married Myrna Miller, Rt. 2, Box 47 A,  
 b-25 Sept 1932 Gallatin, MO 64640  
 O-Farming b-4 June 1939  
 m-9 June 1957
  1. Cindy Sue Esbeck, married Richard Lynn Bailey, Gallatin, MO  
 b-11 Apr 1958 b-15 Sept 1951  
 O-Accountant m-8 Mar 1980  
 O-Professional Horse breeder &  
 Judge
    - a. Tiffany Lynn Bailey  
 b-8 May 1981
  2. Kurt Andrew Esbeck  
 b-16 May 1960
  3. Barney Robert Esbeck  
 b-27 July 1962
- C.
- Roger Owen Esbeck, married Marian Young, Rt. 1, Marshalltown, IA  
 b-25 Jan 1934 50158  
 O-Fischer Engr. valve factory b-6 Nov 1934  
 m-22 July 1953
  1. Mark Arlyn Esbeck, married Cindy Caputo  
 b-23 Apr 1955 b-15 Dec 1956  
 m-19 June 1979, dissolved 1982
  2. Crystal Louise Esbeck, married Tim Case, Beaman, IA 50609  
 b-24 July 1956 b-23 June 1955  
 m-27 July 1974  
 O-Warehouse Mgr. for Seed Firm,  
 Plays for Dance Band
    - a. Daniel Ray Case  
 b-7 Sept 1977
    - b. Travis Lee Case  
 b-5 Jan 1980

3. Sharon Elaine Esbeck, married Ralph Rasmussen, 4420 Santa Fe St.,  
 b-23 Jan 1958 Wakiana, Hawaii 96781  
 b-24 Apr 1955  
 m-2 Febr 1979  
 O-Student, works at a Toy warehouse
- a. Kyle Norman Rasmussen  
 b-13 Mar 1982
4. Keith Nolan Esbeck, married Donna Rae Richer, Rt. 1, Hancock, IA  
 b-18 May 1959 51536  
 O-Construction b-25 Sept 1958  
 m-17 Apr 1982
- a. Brian Lee Esbeck  
 b-12 Aug 1982
- D. Glenn Alan Esbeck, married Connie Kline, Rt. 2, Exira, IA 50076  
 b-29 Jan 1938 b-12 Febr 1940  
 O-Farming m-1 June 1958  
 O-Sec. Soil Conservation Service,  
 Audubon, IA
1. Randall Scott Esbeck  
 b-17 Dec 1958  
 O-Student at ISU, Vet. Medicine
2. Dennis Alan Esbeck, married Janet Weston, Casey, IA 50048  
 b-15 Oct 1959 b-6 May 1960  
 O-Farming m-2 Sept 1978
- a. Jessica Sue Esbeck  
 b-30 Nov 1978
- b. Michelle Lea Esbeck  
 b-12 June 1981
3. Jon Glenn Esbeck  
 b-11 Apr 1963  
 O-Grad. of Lincoln Tec. Sch., Des Moines, IA (8 Apr 1983)
4. Stacey Ann Esbeck  
 b-18 July 1967  
 d-4 Mar 1980, in snow storm  
 buried- Exira Cemetery
- III. Earl Richard Esbeck, married Erma Paulsen, 1305 Elm St., Atlantic,  
 b-13 July 1912 b-29 Dec 1911  
 O-Farming (Retired) m-9 May 1934

After their marriage Earl and Erma Esbeck farmed near Earl's parents south of Brayton. They later farmed in the Elk Horn vicinity prior to purchasing a 280 acre farm on Olive St. Road about 10 miles N of Atlantic. On this farm they rebuilt all the buildings including the house. They farmed here from 1941 to 1970, when they sold the farm and moved to Atlantic to retire.

DAUGHTERS to the right: Shirley,  
 LaVonne, Marilyn  
 1945



- A. Lavonne Esbeck, married  
b-3 July 1935
1. Don Paulsen  
m-18 Aug 1954, dissolved Aug. 1979
  2. Terry Bride  
b-27 Jan 1934  
m-17 July 1981  
O-Stockyard Commission man  
Sioux City, IA

1. John David Paulsen  
b-11 May 1963
2. Karen Marie Paulsen  
b-30 Dec 1965

- B. Shirley Mae Esbeck, married  
b-10 May 1937

Gary Allen Schwab, 401 West 10th St.,  
Lamoni, IA 50140  
b-12 July 1937  
m-15 June 1957  
O-Owner & Mgr. Sales Barn,  
Farming

1. Sheri Lynn Schwab  
b-5 June 1958
2. James Allen Schwab, married Carol Thompson  
b-27 Mar 1962  
m-2 Aug 1981

- a. Trenton James Schwab  
b-21 Sept 1982

- C. Marilyn Jeanette Esbeck, married Bruce Behrends, Rt., Wiota, IA 50274  
b-16 Febr 1939

b-2 Sept 1936  
m-30 Apr 1960  
O-Farming

1. Jodi Kay Behrends  
b-1 Jan 1963
2. Kent Richards Behrends  
b-27 Nov 1963
3. Keith Bernard Behrends  
b-27 Nov 1963

Twins

- D. Gary Earl Esbeck, married  
b-23 May 1948

O-Product Mgr., Hormel  
Breakfast Meats

Connie Marie Davis, 2110 7th Ave.,  
S. W., Austin, MN 55912  
b-21 Sept 1948  
m-31 July 1971

1. Kimberli Diane Esbeck  
b-28 Dec 1973
2. Kelli Marie Esbeck  
b-8 Jan 1978  
d-5 June 1980

- IV. Kenneth Milton Esbeck, married  
b-19 Jan 1917  
d-15 Mar 1971, Atlantic, IA  
O-Farming  
buried- Southlawn Memory Gardens,  
Atlantic, IA

Elizabeth McGaffin Helmts, Atlantic, IA  
b-29 Jan 1918, 3 mi. N of Wiota, IA  
m-16 Nov 1938, home of bride's parents  
O- Cook & dietitian, Heritage House  
(Parents- Wesley Franklin Helmts and  
Elizabeth McGaffin)



KENNETH & ELIZABETH  
ESBECK 1938

Kenneth and Elizabeth lived during the first two years of their marriage with Elizabeth's parents. In the spring of 1941 they moved to a farm north of Atlantic on Olive St. Road and west of Brayton. They rented this for one year. In 1942 they purchased a farm 4 miles south and 1 mile east of Brayton. They lived on this farm until 1968. In 1968 they left the farm due to Kenneth's health and moved to Atlantic. They purchased a new home at 607 East 17th St.

During Kenneth's illness he learned to do oil painting. After retiring to Atlantic he did many oil paintings.

They had two children Dean LeRoy and Diane Kay. Dean gradually took over the farming operation due to his father's poor health. When Elizabeth and Kenneth left the farm in 1968, Dean purchased part of the farm and the remainder in 1978. Dean, his wife, and family still live on this farm.

Diane Kay Esbeck resides in Atlantic with her two sons.

After Kenneth's death in 1971, Elizabeth started working at the Heritage House as a cook and now also assumes some of the responsibilities of the dietitian.



Diane Esbeck, Dwayne  
and William Lough  
1979



DEAN ESBECK FAMILY 1978  
L.-R. Back- Verna, Kathy, Dean, Todd  
Front- Scott, Jill

A. Dean LeRoy Esbeck, married  
b-20 Apr 1940, Atlantic Hosp.  
O-Farming

Verna Jean Carris, Rt. 3, Atlantic,  
IA 50022  
b-8 Nov 1944, CA  
m-14 June 1969, Assembly of God Church,  
Perry, IA  
O-Teacher, now Computer Tech. at NAPA

1. Katherine Jane Esbeck  
b-10 July 1970, Atlantic Hosp.
2. Todd Nathaniel Esbeck  
b-18 Apr 1972, Atlantic Hosp.





## LYLE ESBECK FAMILY



Left to Right: Back row- Susan, Michael, Daniel, Patricia, Delbert, Lana  
Front- Jessie holding- Matthew & Mark, Lyle holding- Sarah & Andrew

A. Lana Lynn Esbeck, married                      Delbert Lynn Westphalen, Rt. 3,  
b-28 July 1947    Atlantic, IA 50022  
b-12 July 1944  
m-27 Jan 1968  
O-Farming

Twins  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1. \text{ Jason Lynn Westphalen} \\ \text{b-26 Oct 1974, IA Meth. Hosp., Des Moines, IA} \\ \text{d-26 Oct 1974, buried Atlantic Cemetery} \\ 2. \text{ Jeffrey Lynn Westphalen} \\ \text{b- 26 Oct 1974, IA Meth. Hosp., Des Moines, IA} \\ \text{d- 26 Oct 1974, buried Atlantic Cemetery} \\ 3. \text{ Matthew Lynn Westphalen (adopted when 4 days old)} \\ \text{b-16 Mar 1976} \\ 4. \text{ Mark Lynn Westphalen} \\ \text{b-26 Oct 1978, IA Meth. Hosp., Des Moines} \end{array} \right.$

B. Patricia Ann Esbeck, married                      Daniel Reas Steen, Elk Horn, IA 51531  
b-16 July 1954    b-7 Mar 1948  
m-2 Nov 1974  
O-Computerizer & Typeset, Supr.  
Clarinda Co., Atlantic

1. Sarah Kathleen Steen  
b-29 Nov 1976, IA Meth. Hosp., Des Moines  
2. Andrew Hans Steen  
b-22 July 1978, IA Meth. Hosp., Des Moines

C. Susan Michelle Esbeck  
b-14 Nov 1963  
O-Attending Jennie Edmundson Sch. of Nursing

SENA ESBECK AND ED MARDESEN & FAMILY



Left to right: VERNON, MERLYN, LEO  
Front- EVELYN 1918



Sena and Ed Mardesen's farm home  
3 miles east and 1 mile south  
of Elk Horn



ED MARDESEN



SENA MARDESEN

## SENA ESBECK AND ED MARDESEN &amp; FAMILY

Sena Esbeck was the third daughter and fifth child of Lars N. Esbeck and Christina Sorensen. She was born on the farm in Audubon County, three miles east of Elk Horn. Sena was united in marriage to Ed Mardesen at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church on the 8th of March, 1905. After their marriage they lived on a farm 3 miles north and west of Exira. There were two houses on this farm - Ed's parents lived in one and they lived in the other. Three of their children were born here, Merlyn, Leo, and Vernon.

In 1910, they moved to a farm 3 miles east and one mile south of Elk Horn, one quarter mile east of what was to be known as the Mardesen home-stead. That fall after the corn was harvested, they moved the little old house to the location where they planned to build the new home. Evelyn was born the following summer as the building of the new home started.

Sena and Ed put every building, every tree, and every fence on this farm with much work and much love.

In 1954 they retired and moved to Elk Horn. They celebrated their Golden Wedding at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church on March 8, 1955. Ed passed away at his home in Elk Horn on April 14, just five weeks after they had celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. He had been in failing health the last five years. Five years later Sena passed away on October 21, 1960, at Jenny Edmundson hospital in Council Bluffs following surgery for complications due to a fractured hip.

SENA ESBECK, married

b-18 Febr 1884, Audubon County, IA  
d-21 Oct 1960

buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery

ED MARDESEN

b-18 Mar 1877, 2 mi. SE of Elk Horn  
m-8 Mar 1905

d-14 Apr 1955

O-Farming

(Parents-Marten Peter & Nancy  
Jane Mardesen)

I. Merlyn Lee Mardesen, married

b-12 Mar 1906

d-16 July 1973, Heart attack

buried- Evergreen Moslem, Colorado  
Springs, CO

O-Farming & metal worker

Rose Jessen, 1121 Forest Rd.,

Colorado Springs, CO 80901

b-6 June 1907

m-10 Apr 1929

O-Hospital cook

Merlyn Lee Mardesen was born in Audubon County and married Rose Jessen the 10 of April, 1929. They farmed 3 miles east and 1 mile south of Elk Horn. Their 4 children were born on this farm, Wilma, Leon, Mardell, and Verla. They were all involved with 4-H. Merlyn was a 4-H leader for 15 years. In 1956, after farming for 27 years in Oakfield Township Audubon County they sold their farm and moved to Colorado Springs. There Merlyn worked as metal worker for K & S Metal Company and Rose worked as a Hospital cook.

A. Wilma Jean Mardesen, married

b-17 Mar 1930

Robert Nicholaisen, 1908 N. Nevada  
Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80907

b-25 Apr 1926

m-1 Sept 1950

O-Works for U.S. Gov., Purchasing  
agent for the Army



1. Dianne Nicholaisen  
b-27 Aug 1952  
O-B.A. in Math. & Danish, Data Processing Mgr.
  2. Ren Nicholaisen, married      Debra Knudsen, 5549 Mansfield Ct.,  
b-1 Dec 1955      Colorado Springs, Co. 80907  
O-A.A.S. Drafting & Design      b-21 June 1955  
Tech., Computer Packaging      m-9 Oct 1982  
Designer      O-B.S. in Sp. Ed., Computer Clerk
  3. Eileen Nicholaisen, 1908 N. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80907  
b-7 Mar 1962  
O-Waitress
- B. Leon Mardesen, married      Vernet Hansen, 5941 S. Spotswood,  
b-17 Sept 1931      Littleton, CO 80120  
O-Construction, Contractor      b-6 Nov 1933  
m-18 Dec 1955
1. Lee Mardesen, married      Christy L. Duell, 7189 S. Quintero,  
b-19 July 1956      Aurora, CO 80014  
b-2 Febr 1957  
m-8 Dec 1979
    - a. Troy Edward Mardesen  
b-22 Oct 1981
    - b- Rebecca Lynn Mardesen  
b-2 Aug 1983
  2. Sherrie Mardesen, married      Richard Kroman, 13163 Canopus Dr.,  
b-30 July 1957      Littleton, CO 80124  
b-12 Apr 1950  
m-17 Aug 1975  
O-Construction
    - a. Jason Daniel Kroman  
b-28 Apr 1978
    - b. Scott Andrew Kroman  
b-27 Oct 1979
    - c. Heidi Marie Kroman  
b-4 Jan 1982
  3. Kirk Mardesen  
b-14 July 1963  
O-A.A.A. Production Agr., Ranch Management
- C. Mardell Mardesen, married      Warren Beers, 1807 Majestic Dr.  
b-13 Jan 1934      Reno, Nevada 89503  
O-Employment Counselor      b-5 May 1929  
m-26 Dec 1953  
O-CA State Park Ranger- Supr.
1. Garth Beers, married      Carlene Fischer, 7561 Caloma Circle,  
b-3 Febr 1955      Carlsbad, CA 92008  
O-B.S. in Pub. Ser., Law      b-11 May 1955  
Enforcement; Security      m-9 May 1981  
Officer TRW      O-Customer Service Rep.
  2. Grant Beers, 31038 Calle San Diego, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
b-28 May 1957  
O-AA in Adm. of Justice, Golden West Police Academy; Police  
Officer, State of CA

- D. Verla Mardesen, married Orville Travis, 2445 Hall Ave.,  
 b-2 Apr 1938 Grand Junction, CO 81501  
 O-Sec. for Elementary Sch. b-2 Aug 1931  
 m-10 Oct 1957  
 O-Frontier Air Lines, Station Agent
1. Gary Travis  
 b-22 July 1959  
 O-B.S. Computer Science; Data Processing Supr.
  2. Colleen Travis  
 b-20 May 1961  
 O-B.A. Bus. Adm.; Computer Systems Sales Rep.

- II. Leo Mardesen, married 1. Mildred Hansen  
 b-24 July 1907 b-3 Mar 1910  
 O-Farming (Retired) d-2 Sept 1940
2. Ethel Jessen Hocamp  
 b-16 June 1912  
 m-7 Jan 1950

Leo Mardesen was born July 24, 1907, in Hamlin Twp., Audubon County. His parents moved to a farm they purchased in 1910. Leo was baptized and confirmed in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. He went to school thru eight grade at Oakfield No. 3, then to Elk Horn High School. Transportation to high school the first year was by horse back or one-horse buggy. In 1923 a Model T Ford was used to pick up a load by the time they reached Elk Horn. Elmer and Harvey Sornson, who lived a mile north, drove their car part of the time. This was before roads were graveled. School activities were basketball and baseball. The first trophy was won for the Elk Horn H. S.

After graduation in 1927, Leo worked at the home farm and other jobs. In 1935 he contracted to haul cream to the Exira Creamery.

On June 12, 1935, Leo married Mildred Hansen. A lawn wedding was held at her parents home. A son Ross was born July 6, 1937.

In 1938 Leo and Mildred moved to the Doonan Farm. In 1940 Mildred was fatally stung by a bee. After that Leo farmed with his father, bought more machinery, and did custom farm work. He was elected member of Oakfield Twp. Agricultural Soil Conservation Service committee; corn sealer for Oakfield and Sharon Twps.; and Assessor for Oakfield Twp. for 3 years.

January 7, 1950, Leo married Ethel Jessen Hocamp. They moved to a large farm in Cass County and lived there for 12 years. Ethel's girls went to Exira school.

In 1961, Leo purchased a 160 acre farm in Audubon Twp. The winter of 1961 and 1962 is remembered as being very cold and lots of snow. In the fall of 1963 Leo and Ethel sold all livestock and went on a trip to Denmark in time for Ethel's sister's golden wedding. It was a two day celebration.

Farming consisted of raising certified seed beans, chickens, selling eggs from 200 hens, and cleaning and logging in the winter. All took a lot of time. Leo also did custom corn shelling.

In 1965 Leo began selling seed corn for O'Gold Seed Co. From this he earned trips to Hawaii, the Carribean, Yellowstone Park, the Minnesota lakes, Colorado, and Texas.

1975 Leo and Ethel sold the farm and moved to their present home in Exira. "Retirement is fair", Leo says. He keeps busy with volunteer work and the congregrate meals one day a week. He delivers tapes of Sunday Sermons to handicapped. He serves on the Senior Citizen's Committee and the Church Council.

A. Ross Mardesen, married b-6 July 1937 O-Employed by Elk Horn- Kimballton Telephone Co.	Mary Jane Harder, Elk Horn, IA 51531 b-2 Oct 1945 m-8 Aug 1968 O-Teacher
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1. Chad Mardesen  
b-18 Nov 1970

III. Vernon Mardesen, married b-9 May 1909 O-Farming (Retired)	Grace Pedersen, Elk Horn, IA 51531 b-10 Apr 1910 m-29 Nov 1933
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Vernon Mardesen was born in Audubon County and married Grace Pedersen November 6, 1933, in the St. Paul Lutheran Church at Atlantic, Iowa.

After their marriage Vernon worked for a year at a gas station in Atlantic. Then they moved to his folk's farm and helped them with the farming. Their first son Darrell was born here.

In 1936 they rented a farm in Audubon County. While on this farm their second child, Sharon Ann was born. Soon they rented another farm west of Brayton where they lived for 8 years and their third child Richard was born. In 1948 they purchased a farm west of Elk Horn where they farmed for 25 years with the help of their sons.

In 1973 Vernon and Grace retired from the farm and moved to a new home in Elk Horn on Union Street where they are still living today. Their son Richard and family moved on the home farm.

Grace and Vernon are members of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. Grace taught Sunday School for 22 years. After moving to Elk Horn Grace has volunteered many hours at the Salem Retirement homes.

Both Grace and Vernon are active with the senior citizen's programs in Elk Horn. They will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in November of 1983.

A. Darrell Mardesen, married b-23 Oct 1935 O-Farming	Lydia Ann (Sue) Jensen, Elk Horn, IA b-4 Jan 1939 m-13 Sept 1959 O-Supr. of kitchens in Invalid & Salem's homes
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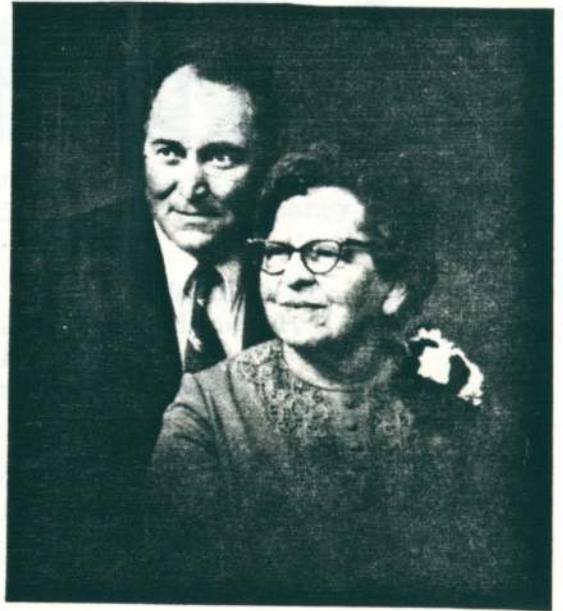
1. Cindy Sue Mardesen  
b-19 July 1960

2. Gene Arnold Mardesen, married b-2 Aug 1961 O-Construction	Susan Blohm b- m-17 Sept 1983
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3. Clara Sue Mardesen  
b-1 Mar 1965
4. Carol Lynn Mardesen  
b-15 Mar 1967
- B. Sharon Ann Mardesen, married  
b-9 Mar 1939  
O-Teacher
- Richard Nelson, 10915 N. 62nd St.,  
Omaha, NB 68152  
b-20 Aug 1939  
m-26 July 1965  
O-Architect
1. Richard Nelson III  
b-2 Nov 1969
2. Robert Nelson  
b-27 Dec 1973
- C. Richard Mardesen, married  
b-24 Dec 1946  
O-Farming
- Sara Jane Sanders, Elk Horn, IA  
b-18 Aug 1949  
m-30 Nov 1968  
O-Beautician
1. Heath Mardesen  
b-30 Jan 1970
2. Adam Mardesen  
b-19 Dec 1973
3. Katie Sander Mardesen  
b-24 Sept 1976



L. to R.-Richard, Sara, Sue, Darrell, Sharon,  
Richard N. 1973  
Front- Grace and Vernon



Vernon & Grace

- IV. Evelyn Mardesen, married  
b-29 June 1911
- Stewart Osterholm, 902 N. Locust,  
Glenwood, IA 51534  
b-26 Oct 1907  
m-30 June 1931  
d-25 Jan 1971  
O-Linotype Operator  
(Parents- Oscar & Sarah Osterholm)

Evelyn Mardesen married Stewart Osterholm on June 30, 1931. The wedding took place on the spacious lawn of the Mardesen farm home. After their marriage they lived in Glenwood, Iowa where Stewart worked



as a linotype operator for the Glenwood Opinion. After working 10 years for the Burlington Northern Railroad he returned to being a linotype operator.

Stewart died in 1971. Evelyn has continued to make her home in Glenwood. She worked for several years at the Glenwood State Hospital.

There children are: Nancy, Lynn, and LeMar, and seven grandchildren, all of whom have given them much joy and love.



STEWART & EVELYN OSTERHOLM  
June 30, 1931



25th Anniversary 1956  
Lynn, Stewart, Evelyn, Nancy  
LeMar

A. Nancy Osterholm, married  
b-13 May 1934, farm Oakfield  
Twp., Audubon Co., IA

James Lee, 305 Harolds Dr., Glenwood, IA  
b-22 Jan 1930, Glenwood, IA  
m-30 Aug 1953  
O-Iowa Power & Light

1. Michelle Lee  
b-15 Dec 1958, Hosp., Omaha
2. Marcia Lee, married  
b-5 Dec 1961, Hosp., Omaha
3. Maricelle Lee  
b-25 Jan 1968, Hosp., Omaha

Darryl Fredrick  
m-17 Sept 1983

B. Lynn Osterholm, married  
b-16 Oct 1937, Glenwood, IA  
O-Teacher

Pauline Kish  
b-29 Oct 1937, Shenandoah, IA  
m-7 June 1959

1. Mark Osterholm  
b-8 Febr 1966, Hosp., Omaha, NB
2. Karen Osterholm  
b-14 Febr 1970, Hosp., Omaha, NB

C. LeMar Osterholm, married  
b-31 May 1943, Atlantic, IA  
O-Teacher & Baker

Sharon Fitzpatrick  
b-7 July 1943  
m-15 Aug 1964

1. Timothy Osterholm  
b-12 Nov 1965, Hosp., Council Bluffs, IA
2. Rebecca Osterholm  
b-4 Sept 1970, Hosp., Council Bluffs, IA

SENA HANSEN AND WILLIAM ESBECK & FAMILY

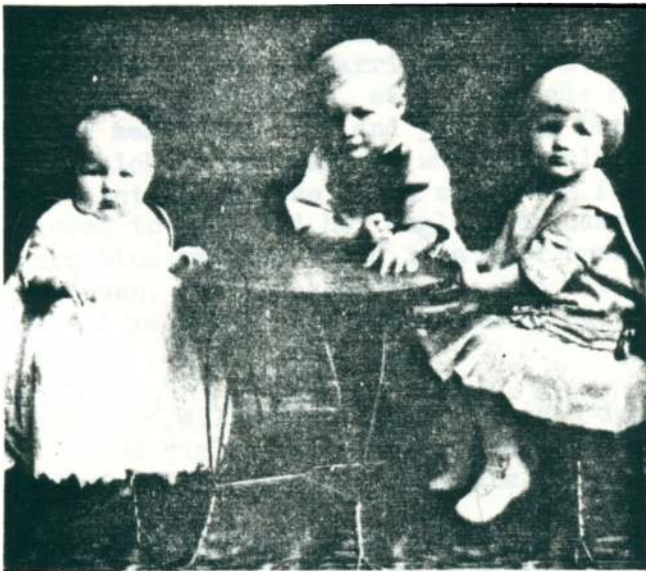


SENA ESBECK

1940



WILLIAM ESBECK



HOWARD, LELAND, AND RAMONA ESBECK 1914



MARJORIE ESBECK 1923

RAMONA AND LELAND'S  
CONFIRMATION PICTURE  
1926



## SENA HANSEN AND WILLIAM ESBECK &amp; FAMILY

John William (Willie) Esbeck was the sixth child and third son of Lars N. Esbeck and Christina Sorensen. Willie was born on the Esbeck homestead 3 miles east of Elk Horn. He attended rural school in Oakfield Township, Audubon County and the college at Elk Horn, Iowa.

Willie was raised in a busy bustling home environment that enjoyed the traditions of warm Danish hospitality. He inherited this hospitable nature and has always enjoyed being with people.

Willie began farming with his father Lars. On June 14, 1910 he married the neighbor's daughter Jensina Petrina (Sena) Hansen. They had been in the same confirmation class. They immediately moved onto the homestead and Lars and Christina moved to Elk Horn.

The farm of 240 acres was purchased from his father in 1918. Most of the farm has now been owned by the Esbeck family for more than 100 years. However, the 40 acres where the farmstead is currently located was not purchased by Lars until 1889 from the railroad. Willie added another 80 acres to the farm in 1940.

Sena was very much like Willie's mother, and industrious wife, and marvelous cook. Early married life was before refrigeration, central heating, indoor plumbing, etc. She made her own laundry soap, canned and cured the meat when beef and pork were butchered, assumed responsibility for the chickens and garden, which involved canning and preserving food for the winter. She set high standards for cleanliness in the home. Sena loved to cook and her angle food cakes, pies, and breads would easily earn blue ribbons baked in a wood burning stove with no temperature control oven. Sena liked flowers and always had a large flower garden. Her social recreation was the Country Club of which she was a charter member.

Sena and Willie had seven children during the years from 1911 to 1928. Hired girls and hired men were frequently a part of the household and helped with the family and farm operations.

Leland the oldest died in a tractor accident on the farm in 1945. Marjorie died of pneumonia as a baby. Willie remembers how she cried "Daddy, Daddy, Daddy" before she died in his arms.

Willie had a productive farm and during harvest season the threshing crews would usually come for three days. While the men worked in the fields the women were busy preparing big meals. They frequently began baking at four in the morning while it was still cool.

The Esbeck farming operation included raising corn, oats and hay. Livestock included cattle, hogs, and chickens. Draft horses were used in the early farming operations.

During the depression the Civilian Conservation Corp built a dam north of the farm and planted many trees along the creek banks. Willie was always interested in the conservation of farmland and was one of the original commissioners of the Audubon County Soil Conservation Service. He obtained one of the first soil conservation plans in 1945 and interested many farmers in good land management practices. Willie was awarded





WILLIE ESBECK CELEBRATING  
90th BIRTHDAY 1976



WILLIE ESBECK AND CHILDREN - JUNE 1982

Left to right: Back- Howard, Gordon, Donald  
Front- Thelma, Willie, Ramona



the Soil Conservation Award in 1949 from the Omaha World Herald. His farm won the Iowa Sweepstakes Award in the 1955 Register and Tribune Soil Conservation Achievement Awards program. This award was shared with his son Howard who was managing the farm operation.

Early in his farming career Willie became interested in the development of better quality livestock. Around 1910 he bought some of the first Hereford cattle in Iowa and began breeding purebred stock. He interested others including his brother-in-law, L. W. Johnson, in promoting this breed. Many Hereford sales were held on the farm.

He helped organize 4-H clubs in Audubon County promoting better livestock management and feeding practices as a beef club leader for some 30 years. He received the Good American Award by Ted Malone, ABC radio commentator, in 1949 for his contribution to 4-H. In 1955 Willie was named an honorary member of the Iowa State College Block and Bridle Club for his contributions to Iowa agriculture in the livestock field.

Willie was one of the first members of the Audubon County Farm Bureau and has been a member for over 70 years. He served as a leader in many of their programs and helped plan the AAA program of the early 30's in Audubon County.

The Lutheran church has played an important part in Willie's life. He has been an active member of the Elk Horn church and has served on many committees including president of the Church Council.

Willie's first car was an Apperson Jack Rabbit. It was an electric car and considered very advanced for the time. During his lifetime Willie has been witness to many technological advances and has always been willing to incorporate these new ideas into his farm and home life.

In 1948 Willie and Sena moved to Elk Horn and their son Howard took over the farm. In 1960 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. On that day Willie had his first airplane ride with his son Gordon piloting the plane.

Willie and their son Donald gave Sena marvelous care during the later years of her life when she became ill with Parkinson's disease. It was during this time that Willie discovered his talent in the kitchen. Sena as she became less and less able to garden and bake taught Willie her skills, which he enjoys and utilizes today. The produce of his garden and home-made bread are enjoyed by visitors, family, and friends.

Since Sena's death in 1963 Willie has enjoyed traveling to visit many relatives and friends. He has traveled to many parts of the United States and into Canada. He continues to enjoy making new friends and visiting new places.

Willie's most outstanding characteristic must certainly be his optimistic outlook on life. He still remembers his confirmation verse: "Be faithful until death and I'll give you the Crown of life". Rev. 2:10. Another motto that he quotes is:

"Live for those who love you,  
whose hearts are kind and true  
for the heaven that is above you,  
and the good that you can do."

JOHN WILLIAM (WILLIE) ESBECK, married  
b- 10 May 1886, Audubon County  
O-Farming

JENSINA PETRINA (SENA) HANSEN, Elk  
Horn, IA 51531  
b-23 Dec 1887, Oakfield Twp.,  
Audubon Co., IA  
m-14 June 1910, at home of bride's  
parents  
d-31 Dec 1963, at home in Elk Horn  
buried- Elk Horn Cemetery  
(Parents- Christian Hansen and  
Anna Botilda Wolf)

I. Leland William Esbeck  
b-22 Sept 1911, home farm  
d-8 May 1945, Tractor accident  
O-Farming  
buried- Elk Horn Cemetery

Leland William Esbeck was the first son and child of Sena and Willie Esbeck. Leland attended rural school Oakfield Township No. 2 one mile east of the home farm. He was in 4-H for 10 years with his major project being Hereford cattle. He attended the 4-H Shortcourse at Ames (Iowa State), Iowa December of 1924. This was when the conferences were held for both boys and girls during the college students winter break. The 4-H members from Audubon County went to Carroll, Iowa, and rode the train to Ames. Leland won a trip to the International Livestock Show in Chicago, Illinois.

Leland had a pony named Dick which he trained to perform many tricks. The pony would do anything for Leland but was a frequent source of mischief since he could open gates and unseat riders at his discretion.

Leland never married but continued his interest in 4-H by being a 4-H leader of the Oakfield Blue Ribbon Winners 4-H club and assisting his father in farming and stock raising. He loved farming and working with machinery. In 1945 he was killed in a tractor accident at the home farm. He was plowing with the tractor and apparently having trouble with the carburetor and had stopped to make adjustments. Driving up a steep hill, the engine stalled and the machine rolled backwards and tipped over pinning Leland underneath. His father and brother Donald were working near by and saw the accident and hurried to the scene, but Leland died within the hour.

II. Ramona Luella Esbeck, 1109 Johnson, Ames, Iowa 50010  
b-7 Oct 1912, home farm  
O-BS from UNI & MS from ISU; Teacher 12 years, Extension Service ISU  
29 years (Retired)

Ramona Luella Esbeck was the first daughter and second child of Sena and Willie Esbeck. Ramona attended Oakfield No. 2 and taught at rural schools in Oakfield Township for 6 years after attending high school and a summer teaching training program at Shennadoah, Iowa. This was in the 1930's during the depression and one year her salary was cut from \$60 a month to \$40. The family were she stayed charged \$5 a week for board and room.

In 1931 the Elk Horn Kimballton Review was giving away a car to the person selling or renewing the most subscriptions and/or earning

the most points in their contest. Ramona won the car. She found that identifying herself as a granddaughter of Lars N. Esbeck helped to sell a subscription. Everyone seemed to know "Lars" and their recollections of him were favorable enough to produce a sale.

In 1941, Ramona received her B. A. degree from State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa (now Univ. of Northern Iowa), and taught Homemaking and Math. 2 years at Walnut, Iowa and Homemaking 4 years at Atlantic, Iowa. Salary at Walnut her first year out of college was \$110 a month, which was considered very good in 1941-42. Following her teaching career she spent one and a half years in Home Service work with a gas company of Kansas City, Kansas. In September of 1948 she was employed with Iowa State Extension Service of ISU and worked 8 years as a home economist in Black Hawk County, June of 1956 she transferred to the State 4-H Office at Ames. She worked 20 years as a State 4-H program leader and supervisor. The 4-H and youth program was a joy since she had in her teens been an active 4-H member. Ramona received her Masters degree from ISU in 1960.

Some of Ramona's honors have been, president of Audubon County 4-H Girl's Clubs 1928; president of Audubon County Rural Teachers Association 1937; president and member of Theta Theta Epsilon 1940 (honorary Home Economics); outstanding Achievement Award in Iowa State Extension Service 1955; Omicron Nu member and vice-president 1960. She has been an active member of Business and Professional Women's Club for more than 30 years, and served in various offices within, also member of the Ames Woman's Club, University Faculty Women's Club, American and Iowa Home Economics Associations.

In addition to genealogy her hobbies are travel, Rosemaling, and bridge.

Howard Christian Esbeck, married  
b-28 Nov 1913, home farm  
O-Grad. of ISU, Engr.; Engineer  
with John Deere 17 yrs. and  
Farming 16 yrs. (Retired)

Ruth Miller, 3416 50th St., Moline,  
IL 61265  
b-4 Mar 1916, Casey, IL.  
m-4 July 1940, Casey, IL. at  
bride's home  
O-Home Economics Teacher (Retired)  
(Parents- David S. Miller and  
Amy Mary Goble)

Howard Christian Esbeck was the third child and second son of Sena and Willie Esbeck. The family traits of industriousness, diligence, and far-sightedness were impressed upon him at an early age.

Howard attended country school at Oakfield #2 across the section walking the mile and a quarter to attend school. Danish was the language spoken at home until a new teacher boarded with the family and implied that it was impolite since she did not understand or speak Dane.

Howard was interested in the family herd of Hereford cattle and showed them at the Audubon County Fair. He had other projects and was a member of livestock judging teams.

Although many of his early memories of farm work involved horse-

drawn equipment, Howard was especially interested in mechanical equipment. He had plenty of opportunities to develop and utilize mechanical skills during the depression era of "make-do or do without".

He graduated from Elk Horn High School and worked the following four years as a carpenter part-time as well as doing farm work at home. In 1935 he enrolled at Iowa State College (now Iowa State University) and graduated in 1939 with a degree in agricultural engineering. He began working for the John Deere spreader works in Moline, Illinois.

During the summer of 1937, Howard met Ruth Miller of Casey, Il. Both were taking classes at Iowa State and a friendship blossomed. Ruth was teaching home economics in Oblong, Illinois, and taking graduate work. Their relationship continued to grow through correspondence and the following two summers on the Iowa State campus. Finally the bells of the Iowa State Campanile tolled with their marriage plans.

Ruth and Howard were married July 4, 1940, in the garden of her parents near Casey, Illinois. They've heard many jokes over the years about "giving up their independence on Independence Day" and "celebrating their wedding with fireworks". Those in attendance at the garden wedding also remember the uninvited chiggers!

Ruth and Howard lived in East Moline, Illinois. Their children, Kay Ann and David, were born in the quad-city area in 1941 and 1946 respectively. During the years of World War II, Ruth worked as a product demonstrator for the Maytag Company of Newton and on the combine assembly line at International Harvester.

Ruth and Howard moved to the Esbeck homestead near Elk Horn in March of 1948. Howard continued the farming operation of his father, Willie, and furthered the development of the Esbeck Hereford breeding stock. Two more sons were born, Carl in 1948 and Wayne in 1951. Wayne drowned in April of 1953 at two years of age.

Ruth and Howard were active in many community organizations. Howard served as president of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, Audubon County Fair Board, various committees for the Elk Horn School Board, president and other positions with the Farm Bureau and as an active member of the Southwest Iowa and American Hereford Association.

Ruth was on the Audubon County 4-H Committee, active in Lutheran church circles, and participated in adult homemaker extension work. She began teaching home economics in the Elk Horn Community Schools in 1956.

Both were proud to receive with Willie Esbeck the Des Moines Register and Tribune Sweepstakes Award for Soil Conservation in 1955. A sense of stewardship for our natural resources has been passed to following generations.

Their children, Kay Ann, David, and Carl, followed the family tradition of 4-H work with a wide variety of interests and projects. Kay Ann showed several Hereford cattle to county and Ak-Sar-Ben championships. She and her dad showed the Esbeck Hereford breeding stock at open-class shows as well. David was the first Audubon County state 4-H officer, State 4-H Historian. Both David and Carl participated in FFA.



In 1964 Howard decided to rejoin Deere and Company as part of the plow works division. The family moved back to Moline, Illinois. Howard continued his agricultural engineering work and received 12 patents during his career with John Deere. He has been a member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers for 32 years. Ruth began teaching home economics in the Moline Schools and completed her long-delayed graduate work for a M. S. in guidance and counseling.

Their children, Kay Ann, David, and Carl, continued the family tradition of college work at Iowa State University. Kay Ann graduated with degrees in elementary education. Dave and Carl graduated in mechanical engineering. Carl later received his juris doctorate degree from Cornell University Law School in New York.

All three children are married and Ruth and Howard enjoy their six grandchildren. They are retired from John Deere and Company and the Moline Public Schools. Since retirement they've enjoyed traveling, winters in Texas and their hobbies---sewing, woodworking, and stamps. Howard's wood carvings are treasured family heirlooms.



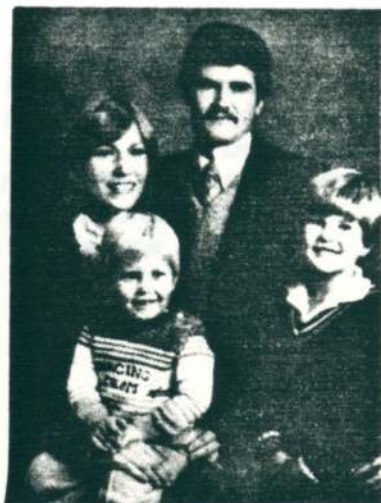
Howard & Ruth Esbeck 1980



Helen holding Kristin, Thomas,  
and David Esbeck 1983



L-R: Back- Scott Sonksen, Mark & Tammie  
Rosenberry, Robert North Jr.  
Front- Rosalind, Kay, Robert, & Randy North  
1981



Back- Kathie, Carl 1982  
Front- Jesse, Nathan  
Esbeck

- A. Kay Ann Esbeck, married  
 b-20 Oct 1941, Moline, IL  
 O-M.S. from ISU; Sixth  
 grade teacher  
 Res-1607 24th St., Ames,  
 IA 50010
1. Vernon Sonksen  
 m-26 June 1960, Elk Horn Lutheran Ch.  
 dissolved 1976
  2. Robert North  
 b-3 Mar 1940, Carroll, IA  
 m-31 July 1981, Ames, IA at bride's  
 home  
 O-Iowa Highway Commission
1. Tamera Lynn Sonksen, married Mark Eugene Rosenberry, 3823 Viola  
 b-2 Mar 1962, Mary Greeley  
 Hosp., Ames, IA Mae St., Ames, IA 50010  
 O-Bookkeeper Harris TV & b-1 Dec 1959, Virginia  
 Appliance m-28 Mar 1981, Congregational Ch.,  
 Gilbert, IA  
 O-Mechanic  
 (Parents- Paul Rosenberry and  
 Margie D. Weiser)
2. Scott Howard Sonksen  
 b-27 Aug 1965, Mary Greeley  
 Hosp., Ames, IA  
 O-Student Ames High School  
 (Robert's 3 children from earlier marriages: Robert L. North Jr.,  
 Rosalind North, and Randall North)
- B. David William Esbeck, married Helen Ann Roberts, 16303 Avenida  
 b-15 Febr 1946, Moline, IL Snarvidad, Rancho Bernardo, CA 92128  
 O-B.S. - Mech. Engr. ISU; b-21 Febr 1945, Houston, Texas  
 General Electric Gas Turbine m-21 Apr 1973, Memorial Drive  
 Div., Mgr. of Far East Sales, Presbyterian Ch., Houston, TX  
 15 yrs.; now - Dir. of Product O-B.S. from TCU; Teacher & Writer  
 Management - Solar Turbine (Parents- Thomas Edward Roberts &  
 Inc., San Diego, CA Annabel McKithan)
1. Thomas David Esbeck  
 b-8 Oct 1975, Schenectady, N. Y. (Ellis Hosp.)
  2. Kristin Elizabeth Esbeck  
 b-7 Jan 1980, Schenectady, N. Y. (Ellis Hosp.)
- C. Carl Howard Esbeck, married Kathie Jeanne Sellon, 1416 West  
 b-19 Aug 1948, Carroll, IA Lexington Circle, Columbia, MO 65201  
 O-Attorney & Professor of b-11 Nov 1951, Sioux City, IA  
 Law Univ. of Missouri m-28 May 1973, United Meth. Church,  
 West Des Moines, IA  
 O-Grad. of UNI, Speech Therapy  
 (Parents- Richard Lee Sellon and  
 Dorothy Jeanne Floyd)
1. Nathan Allen Esbeck  
 b-8 Sept 1977, Albuquerque, N. M.
  2. Jesse Lynn Esbeck  
 b-13 Mar 1980, Albuquerque, N. M.
- D. Wayne Howard Esbeck  
 b-19 Febr 1951, Atlantic, IA  
 d-21 Apr 1953, drowned in stock tank on farm  
 buried- Elk Horn Cemetery

- IV. Donald Morris Esbeck, married  
b-21 June 1917, home farm  
O-Farming (Retired)



DONALD & JOHANNA ESBECK 1980

Johanna Nielsen, Kimballton, IA 51543  
b-31 May 1917  
m-21 Febr 1975  
O-Teacher (Retired)  
(Parents- John Nielsen and  
Caroline Paulson)

Donald Morris Esbeck was the fourth child and third son of Sena and Willie Esbeck. Donald attended rural school Oakfield #2 and graduated from Elk Horn High School in 1935. He remembers leaving his riding horse at Grandpa Esbeck's barn in Elk Horn when riding it to high school.

Drace Sornson, his father's Uncle who lived across the road was a special friend of Don's. They experienced the passing of a cyclone while north of the farm but escaped without injury.

Don was in the Army for 3 years. He worked in the psychopathic ward as a Medical assistant. After returning from service he worked for his father on the farm. For several years raised Ayrshire cattle. He moved to Elk Horn with his parents in 1948. Don continued to work at the farm and also worked on highway construction for about 10 yrs.

In 1975 he married Johanna Nielsen. Johanna was an elementary school teacher for a number of years and a physical education teacher in the Des Moines school system before retiring.

After their marriage Don worked for Garst Farms of Coon Rapids till he retired in 1982. Jo and Don live in Kimballton and spend winters in southern Texas.

- V. Marjorie Doris Esbeck  
b-22 Oct 1922, home farm  
d-16 Febr 1924, at home of pneumonia  
buried- Elk Horn Cemetery

- VI. Thelma Doris Esbeck, married  
b-9 Aug 1925, home farm  
O-Grad. of ISU, Household Equip.

Roy Carl Wehde, 1407 Maplewood DR.  
Normal, IL 61761  
b-4 June 1923, Holstein, IA  
m-7 Sept 1947, Elk Horn Luth. Ch.  
O-Grad. of ISU; Illinois State  
Farm Mutual Ins. Co., Regional V-P.  
(Parents-Gustau D. Wehde & Anna  
Christophersen)

Thelma Doris Esbeck's childhood memories include her love of dolls, playing in the corn crib, and trying to ride the family pony Dick, but getting only a fast ride back to the barn. She attended country school and graduated from Elk Horn High School.

While attending Iowa State University Thelma met Roy Wehde one of the twin Iowa State basketball stars of the time. She was active

in campus activities such as pep club and the college annual. Thelma became known as "Sally" to her friends during college years.



ROY AND THELMA WEHDE 1981

Thelma and Roy Wehde were married in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church on the 7 of September, 1947. Following her graduation from Iowa State in 1947 she taught household equipment in the home economics department at IS. Roy graduated in dairy industry from Iowa State University and they moved to Sterling, Colorado, in 1949, where Thelma taught 3rd grade and Roy worked for Goodrich Dairy. Their first child Janet was born in March of 1950.

June of 1950, Roy and his twin brother Ray bought a small dairy plant in Wray, Colorado. In August of that year a butane truck lost its brakes coming into the town of Wray and overturned in the front yard of the home they were renting. Fortunately Thelma and Virginia, Ray's wife, had taken their babies and gone shopping in Denver. The explosion killed 2 people. The Wehde's lost all their belongings.

Later that year the Goodrich Dairy purchased their plant and Thelma and Roy returned to Sterling with Goodrich. 1952 was an eventful year. In February Ramona Christena was born. In June Roy changed careers, becoming a State Farm Insurance agent. In September Roy contracted polio. The Lord heard and answered prayers and Roy recovered with no serious effects.

Mark was born in February of 1955. In 1956 the family moved to Wichita, Kansas, where Roy had been promoted as an agency manager for State Farm. Their fourth child, Carol Sue, was born in Wichita, February of 1958. The Wehde family lived in Wichita 15 years. Wichita was a happy time for them with the children growing up and participating in the Wichita swim club and the synchronized swim program.

In 1971, Roy accepted a position as Agency Director in Greeley, Colorado. In 1973, Roy found that he had cancer in one kidney. The Lord was very real and close. Surgery was successful, and he has had no reoccurrence. They moved to Bloomington, Illinois, in 1974 when Roy was promoted to corporate headquarters. In 1977, Roy became Regional Vice-President in the Illinois region for State Farm. Thelma assists Roy as a hostess at many of the State Farm meetings locally and nationally.

Thelma and Roy have been much involved in the Lutheran Church and its activities in all the places they have lived. Thelma has participated in the monthly Christian Women's programs and a weekly Bible study club.

Hobbies through the years for both have been golf and tennis.



The three older children are married. Roy and Thelma enjoy their six grandchildren and find they live too far away.

The Wehde family celebrated Christmas of 1982 together. Thelma's father Willie Esbeck and her sister Ramona Esbeck were also present.



Left to right: Back row- Fred Jackson, Thelma, Roy, Carol Sue Wehde, Janet Fisher, Ray Fisher, Mark Wehde  
 Middle row- Chrissie Jackson holding Courtney, Ramona Esbeck, Colin Fisher, Willie Esbeck, Camden Fisher, Marilee Wehde holding Myra  
 Front row- Jonathan Tucker Jackson and Paul William Wehde

A. Janet Ann Wehde, married  
 b-26 Mar 1950, Sterling, CO  
 Graduate of KU

Ray Fisher, 7338 E. 24 ct.  
 Wichita, KS 67226  
 b-14 Febr 1949  
 m-22 Aug 1970, Luth. Ch., Wichita  
 O-Doctor  
 (Parents- Glenn E. Fisher and  
 Betty R. Stons)

1. Camden Karl Fisher  
 b-5 Dec 1973, Wichita, KS

2. Colin Alexander Fisher  
 b-10 July 1976, Great Falls, Montana

- B. Ramona Christena (Chrissie) Wehde, married Fredric (Fred) Jackson,  
 b-16 Febr 1952, Sterling, CO 2320 46th Ave., S.W., Seattle, WA  
 Graduate of KU 98116  
 b-14 Nov 1950  
 m-28 Nov 1975, Luth. Ch., Seattle  
 O-Doctor  
 (Parents- John Jackson and  
 Marian Ickes)
1. Jonathan Tucker Jackson  
 b-9 Oct 1978, Scottsdale, Ariz.
  2. Courtney Leigh Jackson  
 b-25 June 1980, Scottsdale, Ariz.
- C. Mark William Wehde, married Marilee Heiss, 5800 W. 73rd Ave.,  
 b-12 Febr 1952, Sterling, CO Westminister, CO 80003  
 O-Law Degree, U. of Wyoming; b-4 Apr 1956  
 Claims Adjuster for State m-7 June 1975, Luth. Ch., Greeley, CO  
 Farm Graduate of U. of Northern CO  
 (Parents- William Heiss and  
 Marilyn Braband)
1. Paul William Wehde  
 b-16 June 1979, Laramie, WY
  2. Myra Christine Wehde  
 b-4 Oct 1981, Greeley, CO
- D. Carol Sue Wehde  
 b-13 Febr 1958, Wichita, KS  
 O-Seminary Student, Denver, CO
- VII. Gordon Rodney Esbeck, married Mary Lou Armstrong, 118 Parkview,  
 b-8 Dec 1928, home farm Tipton, IA 52772  
 O-Grad. of ISU, Vet. Med.; b-16 Sept 1930, Ames, IA  
 Veterinarian m-9 Sept 1951, Meth. Ch., Ames, IA  
 2 years at IU  
 (Parents- Sidney Armstrong and  
 Gwendolyn McCarty)

Gordon Rodney Esbeck was born on the family farm December 8, 1928, the youngest child of Willie and Sena Esbeck. He attended country school and graduated from Elk Horn High School in 1947, and from Iowa State University in Veterinary Medicine in 1953.

Gordon married Mary Lou Armstrong of Ames on September 9, 1951. After college graduation they lived in California while Gordon served 2 years in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corp.

In 1955 he joined a private veterinary practice in Gilman. Gordon and Mary Lou's sons were born while they lived in Gilman; Craig, William, John, and Paul respectively. Both were active in community affairs. Gordon served on the School Board, City Council, Lions Club, Methodist Church Board, and the American Legion.

While in Gilman Gordon helped organize a flying club, an organization that owned several small aircraft and gave flying instructions. Aviation has been a lifelong interest of his.



MARY LOU AND GORDON ESBECK 1981

In 1965, Gordon purchased the Esbeck farm formerly owned by his father and before that by his grandfather. The farm is currently rented to a cousin. Gordon has established a large hog confinement operation on the farm.

In 1971 Gordon and Mary Lou moved to Tipton, Iowa, to join practice with a former classmate John Krob. Since moving to Tipton Gordon has served on the Chamber of commerce, School Board, and as Boy Scout leader. He is an active member of the State and National Veterinary Medical

Association as well as past president of the Eastern Iowa Veterinary Medical Association.

Two of Gordon and Mary Lou's sons are married and have settled in the Tipton Community. They are fortunate in having their three grandchildren nearby.



Left to Right: Craig, Gordon, Mary Lou, Paul 1983

- A. Craig Sidney Esbeck  
 b-27 Nov 1956, Hosp., Marshalltown, IA  
 O-Graduate of School of International  
 Training, Brattleboro, Vermont  
 June 16, 1983

- B. William Alan Esbeck, married Teresa Marie Dean, 529 6th St.,  
 b-6 Jan 1959, Hosp., Tipton, IA 52772  
 Marshalltown, IA b-11 June 1959  
 O-North Star Steel m-1 July 1978, Meth. Ch., Tipton
1. Alecia Ann Esbeck  
 b-15 Oct 1978
  2. April Jean Esbeck  
 b-14 Apr 1981
- C. John Thomas Esbeck, married Mary Ann Voss, Rt.1, Tipton, IA  
 b-23 Febr 1961, Hosp., 52772  
 Marshalltown, IA b-26 Mar 1962  
 O-Wendling Quarry m-23 May 1981, Luth. Ch., Tipton
1. Erica Catherine Esbeck  
 b-18 Oct 1981
- D. Paul Gordon Esbeck  
 b-9 Jan 1969, Hosp., Marshalltown, IA



Left to Right: April, Teresa, William, Alecia--Esbeck 1983



John, Erica, Mary Ann  
 Esbeck 1983



EMMA ESBECK AND HANS P. PETERSEN & FAMILY



L-R, Back- Viola, Arnold, Erva  
Front- Hans, Emma



HANS P. PETERSEN - FARM HOME 1945



Arnold & Annabel - 1966



L - R, Back- Allan, Annabel, Arnold  
Front- Deloris, Curtis 1963



ARNOLD PETERSEN FAMILY 1980: L-R, Back- Michelle holding Megan,  
Rendell holding Emily Jo, Deloris, Carol  
Front- Michael, Curtis, Arnold holding Matthew, Annabel holding Andy,  
Allan, Jennifer

## EMMA ESBECK AND HANS P. PETERSEN &amp; FAMILY

Emma Katrina Esbeck was the fourth daughter and seventh child of Lars N. Esbeck and Christina Sorensen. She was born on the farm in Audubon County 3 miles east of Elk Horn. Emma married Hans P. Petersen on March 18, 1908 and began married life on a farm 3 miles east and a half mile north of Elk Horn. They built the farm buildings and also a new house in 1919.

Emma and Hans had 3 children; Erva, Viola, and Arnold. They lived on the same farm for 39 years until retiring to Elk Horn in 1946.

Emma was a member of the Alpha Ladies Aid in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church and a charter member of the Social Country Club.

Hans served as a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church board of trustees. He also served on the Oakfield Township governing board, and was a county chairman for the AAA organization and director of the local Farm Loan Association.

Hans died suddenly, age 72, at his home from a chronic asthma attack, on August 12, 1957. He had been suffering with asthma for the last 4 years but had been well enough to work part-time and had been visiting with friends only a few hours before the fatal attack.

Emma died the following January 7, 1958 of cancer.

EMMA KATRINA ESBECK, married  
b-28 Sept 1888, Audubon County  
d-7 Jan 1958, Elk Horn  
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery

HANS P. PETERSEN  
b-4 Oct 1884, 2 mi. east of Elk Horn  
m-18 Mar 1908  
d-12 Aug 1957, Elk Horn  
O-Farming  
(Parents- Chris and Christina Petersen)

I. Erva Christina Petersen, married  
b-23 Febr 1909

Howard E. Jackson, 5122 N. 50th St.,  
Omaha, NB 68104

b-18 Sept 1907  
m-21 Jan 1929  
O-Dist. Sales, Archway Cookies  
(Retired, 1973)

A. Norma Jean Jackson, married  
b-6 July 1930

(Parents-Chris & Bertha Jackson)  
Glenn B. Thompson, 6307 Kiowa, N.E.,  
Albuquerque, N. M. 87110

b-23 Febr 1929  
m-19 June 1950  
O-Management Recruiters Franchise  
(Parents- Bert & Mabel Thompson)

1. Laura Jean Thompson

b-12 June 1952  
O-Sales, Sara Lee, CA

2. Gary Stephen Thompson

b-28 Sept 1954  
O-Mail Dept., Attorney General, Phoenix

3. David Berthran Thompson

b-29 May 1958  
O-Civil Engineer, Albuquerque

4. Diana Sue Thompson  
 b-31 Oct 1959  
 O-Ins. Claims Adjuster, Albuquerque
- B. Howard Jackson Jr., married Alica Dworak, 4540 Johnson Ave.,  
 b-20 Dec 1931 Cedar Rapids, IA 52405  
 O-Elec. Test Engr., b-26 Aug 1933  
 Rockwell Collins m-13 May 1961  
 O-Accountant & CPA
- C. Marilyn Jean Jackson, married David M. Henry, Internal Revenue,  
 b-3 Aug 1934 % U.S. Embassy, A.P.O., N.Y. 09777  
 O-Office Nurse & Ass't., (10307 Shiloh, Fairfax, VA)  
 Fairfax, VA & Wash. D. C. b-31 May 1929  
 m-18 Aug 1956  
 O-International Dir., IRS  
 (Retired)
1. Julie Ann Henry  
 b-9 Sept 1957
  2. Kevin M. Henry  
 b-4 Oct 1958
  3. Larry D. Henry  
 b-12 Nov 1960
  4. Karen S. Henry  
 b-17 Apr 1962
- II. Viola Luella Petersen, married Raymond H. Schwartz, 1630 S. Barrance,  
 b-17 May 1914 Sp. 140, Glendora, CA 91740  
 b-26 Mar 1911  
 m-26 July 1933  
 O-Farming (Retired)
- A. Raymond Gene Schwartz, married:
- b-5 Apr 1936 1. Joan Vosseller  
 O-Air Force Col. m-18 Oct 1959, dissolved May 1977
  2. Ellen Everett Boyd  
 b-8 June 1940  
 m-25 June 1977
1. Bradley Eugene Schwartz  
 b-2 Jan 1963
  2. Lori Joann Schwartz  
 b-1 May 1965  
 (Children of Ellen's from previous marriage, Steven Boyd  
 and Karen Boyd)
- B. Paul Wayne Schwartz, married Christel Nueller, 294 St. Christopher  
 b-27 Nov 1937 Dr., Danville, CA 94526  
 O-Vice-Pres., Regional b-23 Mar 1942  
 Adm. Bank of Am., m-8 Oct 1966  
 northern Div.
1. Kurt Wayne Schwartz  
 b-21 Aug 1970
  2. Kristen Paul Schwartz  
 b-16 July 1972

AT ESBECK REUNION 1982



Left to Right: Back- Arnold Petersen,  
Viola Schwartz, Howard Jackson  
Front- Annebel Petersen, Raymond Schwartz,  
Erva Jackson

RAYMOND SCHWARTZ FAMILY



Back- Gerald, Gene, Marlene, Paul  
Front- Raymond and Viola 1983



Back- David, Jane, Gerald  
Middle- Marlene, Ellen, Gene, Chris, Paul  
Front- Raymond and Viola

Schwartz's with  
Children & Spouses  
July 1983  
Celebrating Their  
50th Anniversary



Grandchildren

Back- Lori, Brian, Kristen  
Middle- Danielle, Chris, Kurt,  
Elaine, Brad  
Front- Chuck, Raymond, Viola,  
Kenley



- C. Gerald Frederick Schwartz, married Jane Stoudemire, 1900 Kanawha  
 b-26 Sept 1939 Dr., Stone Mt., Georgia 30083  
 O-Professional Sales for b-24 Oct 1942  
 Ideal Zipper Co. m-8 Nov 1969
1. Kenley Jo Schwartz  
 b-22 July 1971
  2. Charles Raymond Schwartz  
 b-17 Aug 1974
- D. Marlene Viola Schwartz, married David Lee Kelly, Rt. 3, Atlantic,  
 b-23 Apr 1943 IA 50022  
 O-Deli, salesperson b-14 June 1940  
 m-22 Oct 1962  
 O-Employee of Cass Co.
1. Christina Rae Kelly  
 b-14 June 1966
  2. Brian David Kelly  
 b- Jan 1968
  3. Danielle Mary Kelly  
 b-20 Jan 1970
  4. Tracy Elaine Kelly  
 b-19 July 1971

- III. Arnold K. Petersen, married Annabel Andersen, Rt. 2, Exira,  
 b-14 Apr 1919 IA 50076  
 O-Farming b-24 July 1921  
 m-6 Febr 1946  
 (Parents- Chris Andersen and  
 Dora Backsen)

Arnold Petersen served 4 years in the U. S. Army. Serving most of the time in Europe. Upon his return he married Annabel Andersen and they took over his father's farm.

Their 3 children are married and are living near by. Allen and Curtis graduated from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. Deloris attended A.I.B. in Des Moines.

Allen and Carol have 3 children and live on what was originally Allen's great grand-father's farm. Curtis and Michelle have 3 children and live in Audubon. Curtis is employed at Production Credit Association. Deloris and Rendell Nelsen have 2 girls and live in Ankeny. Rendell is employed as a salesman at Firestone in Des Moines.

Arnold has served on the Church board, Farm Bureau board, and has now served 3 years on the Marne, Elk Horn Telephone board.

Arnold has lived all his life on the Petersen farm, except for the years in the service. He likes the farm and enjoys farming.

- A. Allan Duane Petersen, married Carol Jean Petersen, Rt. 2, Exira,  
 b-16 June 1947 IA 50076  
 O-Farming b-15 June 1948  
 m-19 Nov 1966  
 (Parents-Leon Petersen and  
 Virginia Andersen)
1. Jennifer Renee Petersen  
 b-19 June 1968
  2. Anthony Douglas (Andy) Petersen  
 b-23 June 1971
  3. Angela Dionne Petersen (adopted)  
 b-9 June 1976
- B. Curtis Dean Petersen, married Michelle Matter, 720 Washington  
 b-9 Nov 1950 St., Audubon, IA 50025  
 O-Employed by Production b-25 Aug 1951  
 Credit Ass'n. m-12 Aug 1972  
 (Parents-Tom Matter and Lee Ann  
 Brannan)
1. Michael Allan Petersen  
 b-30 Jan 1975
  2. Matthew John Petersen  
 b-30 Oct 1976
  3. Megan Renee Petersen  
 b-2 May 1980
- C. Deloris Ann Petersen, married Rendell P. Nelsen, 2610 NW 5th  
 b-1 Sept 1952 Ankeny, IA 50021  
 b-21 Nov 1951  
 m-9 Sept 1972  
 O-Employed by Firestone  
 (Parents-Nels Nelsen and  
 Mary Jane Nasby)
1. Emily Jo Nelsen  
 b-19 Nov 1978
  2. Andrea Lynn Nelsen  
 b-23 May 1983

CLARA ESBECK AND ED MARQUESEN & FAMILY



Clara & daughters, Nadine & Altha - 1946



Ed, Don, Clara, Altha - 1957



Don, Eileen, Nadine, John, Altha, Wayne  
1957



Ed and Clara 1954  
Granddaughter, Sherry



Ed and Clara  
with five of their  
Grandchildren  
1964





Wayne and Altha  
Cedar Falls, IA 1933



THE BARR FAMILY -  
Wayne, Altha, and  
Sherry 1957



Sherry & Mark Rorabaugh  
1982



Don & Eileen Marquesen  
1952



Mary, Martha, Pat, & Jane Marquesen 1965



Don Marquesen 1938



Pat, Eileen, Mary, Martha, Jane  
Mary Marquesen's wedding 1977





THE CAMPBELL CHILDREN: Left to right-  
James, Thomas, Carolyn, Anna 1963



Left to right: Back row- James Campbell, Sherry Barr Rorabaugh, Mark  
Rorabaugh, Thomas Campbell, Stuart Dykstra  
Middle- Cynthia Kmetz Campbell, Nadine Campbell, Altha Barr,  
Carolyn Dykstra, Anna Campbell  
Front- Paul and Sara Dykstra May 22, 1982

## CLARA ESBECK AND ED MARQUESEN &amp; FAMILY

Clara Esbeck the eight child and fifth girl of Lars N. Esbeck and Christina Sorensen was born on the Esbeck homestead 3 miles east of Elk Horn. On September 4, 1912 she married Edmund (Ed) Marquesen.

Clara and Ed lived in Elk Horn, Iowa, and the vicinity from 1912 to 1932. Their children were born here. Ed was engaged in business, first a mercantile store, and later, manager of Farmer's Co-operative Company for many years. He had one of the first radio crystal sets in the area which enabled him to hear early morning trends of the livestock and grain markets. Clara was a fine homemaker especially skilled in sewing and fine needlework. She sought perfection in all of her work, yet had time for social responsibility. Both adapted well to change and kept abreast of the times - through reading and traveling.

In 1953 the family moved to Cedar Falls, Iowa, and lived there until 1940. Ed was manager of Livestock Buyers Corporation in Waverly, Iowa. Altha attended college at Iowa State Teachers College. She left Cedar Falls to teach school and in 1938 was married to Wayne Barr. Don graduated from Iowa State Teachers College Campus High School at age 16 and attended 2 years of college there. Nadine was in 5th grade when Ed and Clara returned to Elk Horn in 1939. Wayne and Don served in the U. S. A. F. during World War II, Wayne as a flight instructor and Don as a navigator. In 1942, Ed was employed by the Paxton Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska, where he remained until retirement in 1959. Don received his degree in Chemical Engineering from Iowa State College in 1948. Nadine graduated from Benson High School and went on to Omaha University majoring in Fine Arts.

The decade of the fifties was one of the happiest. Nadine was married to John Campbell, and Don to Eileen Galvin. Ed and Clara were blessed with 9 grandchildren. Wayne and Altha were transferred to Chicago where Ed and Clara came to share a new home in Mt. Prospect, Illinois, with the Barr family. Mt. Prospect became the family gathering place and Ed and Clara celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary there in 1962 with many relatives and friends.

Ed died in Mt. Prospect in 1965. The next year, Clara moved to Palo Alto, California, with the Barr family. Later, she moved to Grosse Pointe, Michigan, where Nadine had lived since 1955. Clara died in 1970.

Don and his family were transferred by the Iowa Public Service in 1969 from Waterloo to Sioux City, Iowa. Don passed away suddenly due to a heart attack in 1969. Eileen remained in Sioux City until her death in May of 1983. The Marquesen girls, Mary, Martha, Pat, and Jane completed high school and went to colleges and universities in South Dakota, where they have pursued careers in the medical field.

In 1974, Wayne and Altha moved to London, England. Sherry joined them after graduating from UCSB in 1974, and enjoyed travel throughout Europe. They returned to the United States in 1977 because of Wayne's health. He died in Florida in 1977. Altha and Sherry have since established a permanent residence there.

Nadine and John Campbell's children, Carolyn, Jim, Anne, and Tom have all graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and gone to Michigan universities. They have established careers in business. Nadine has maintained the family home and continues her employment in the Grosse Pointe School System.

The Marquesen family unit, has experienced sorrow in the loss of loved ones but reveled in the joys of the next generation as the family grows. Ed and Clara would truly have enjoyed their nine great-grandchildren. As parents, they did not resist change that could be beneficial. Providing a loving home environment and maintaining strong family ties are traits they have firmly established in their descendants.

CLARA ESBECK, married  
b-19 Dec 1891, Audubon County, IA  
d-15 May 1970, Grosse Pointe, MI  
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery

EDMUND (ED) MARQUESEN  
b-12 Febr 1888  
m-4 Sept 1912  
d-8 June 1965, Mt. Prospect, IL  
O-Business, Livestock, Grain &  
Feed 19 yrs. in IA; Hotel  
Paxton 16 yrs., Omaha, NB

I. Altha Irene Marquesen, married  
b-12 Apr 1914, Elk Horn, IA

Wayne L. Barr, 455 Meadowood Blvd.  
Fern Park, Florida 32730  
b-26 Aug 1915  
m-11 June 1938  
d-7 Aug 1977  
O-Insurance Adm., Hanover Ins. Co.  
1937- 1970; General Adjustment  
Bur. 1970- 1977

A. Sherry Lynne Barr, married  
b-27 June 1952

Mark Charles Rorabaugh, 1767 Lullaby  
Terrace Port St. Lucie, Fla. 33452  
b-1 July 1950  
m-21 Mar 1981  
O-Pres. & Owner of Port St. Lucia  
Insurance Agency

1. Diana Lynne Rorabaugh  
b-15 June 1983

II. Edmund (Donavon) Marquesen, married Eileen Galvin  
b-2 May 1920, Elk Horn, IA  
d-20 June 1969  
O-Chemical Engr. (Gas Division)  
Iowa Public Service  
buried- both Waterloo, IA

b-7 Aug 1918  
m- 26 Nov 1953  
d-25 May 1983

A. Mary Michelle Marquesen, married Ron Pick, R. 401 42nd St., Des  
b-6 Jan 1955 Moines, IA 50312

b-17 Febr 1955  
m-29 Oct 1977  
O-D. O. Osteopathy

1. Matthew Pick  
b-26 Nov 1979

2. Joshua Pick  
b-2 May 1983

- B. Martha May Marquesen, 2240 Bluff, Boulder CO 80302  
b-29 Dec 1956  
O-Registered Nurse
- C. Patrice Annette Marquesen, married Mark Wurth, St. Paul, MN  
b-4 Apr 1958                                 b-22 July 1958  
O-Director of Student                         m- July 1978  
Financial aid, Chiropractic O-Chiropractic Student  
College
1. Melissa Wurth  
b-11 Dec 1978
  2. Nathaniel Wurth  
b-5 Dec 1979
  3. Paul Joseph Wurth  
b-5 Jan 1981
  4. Timothy Wurth  
b-19 Aug 1982
- D. Jane Therese Marquesen  
b-27 Dec 1959  
O- Registered Nurse

III. Nadine Joy Marquesen Campbell, 70 Muir Road, Grosse Pointe Farms,  
b-21 Aug 1929, Elk Horn, IA                                 Michigan 48236  
O-Grosse Pointe Public School                         m-23 June 1951 to John Campbell  
System, Book processor &                                 dissolved  
graphic artist

- A. Carolyn Joy Campbell, married Stuart James Dykstra, 19282 Lin-  
b-20 Jan 1956                                 ville, Grosse Pte. Woods, MI 48236  
O-Homemaker   b-10 July 1949  
   m-16 Aug 1975  
   O-Owner, Advertising Agency
1. Paul Stuart Dykstra  
b-20 May 1977
  2. Sara Elizabeth Dykstra  
b-19 July 1979
- B. James Donavon Campbell, married Cynthia Ann Kmetz, 1425 Higate  
b-9 July 1957   Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
O-Recent Graduate   b-4 Oct 1957  
   m-22 May 1982
- C. Anne Elizabeth Campbell  
b-7 Nov 1958  
O-Student & sales- Brooks Brothers
- D. Thomas Wayne Campbell  
b- 25 Dec 1961  
O-Student & Supervisor- Belle Isle Zoo



VIOLET ESBECK PETERSEN & FAMILY



VIOLET PETERSEN - age 87  
May 1982



MARVIN PETERSEN  
1944



ROBERT AND ARDYCE AAGAARD 1980



VIRGINIA PETERSEN 1982

## VIOLET ESBECK AND ARTHUR B. PETERSEN &amp; FAMILY

Violet Esbeck, the youngest child of Lars N. Esbeck and Christina Sorensen was born September 29, 1894, on the Esbeck homestead 3 miles east of Elk Horn. She was 16 years old when her parents moved to Elk Horn. At the age of 20 she married Arthur B. Petersen. They were farmers, living most of their married life east of Exira, where they raised four children: Glenn, Virginia, Marvin, and Ardyce. Their many years as farmers were happy, despite the constant weather threats to crops, and the depression hardships. After their retirement in 1959, Glenn farmed their land until his retirement in 1982. Currently Glenn's son, Roger, is the tiller of the soil.

Glenn and Marvin served in the Army during World War II. Glenn was stationed in India for 2 years. Marvin was stationed in the Philippine Islands where he died of wounds suffered in battle on April 14, 1945.

Virginia worked in Des Moines and then moved to Orlando, Florida in 1957. She currently works as a PBX operator at a local hospital.

Ardyce and her family moved from Iowa to Orlando, Florida in 1957, where the family is engaged in construction business.

Art and Violet celebrated 64 years of marriage before his death March 9, 1978. Since then Violet has made her home in Orlando, Florida, enjoying her 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

VIOLET ESBECK, married  
b-29 Sept. 1894, Audubon Co., IA

ARTHUR (ART) B. PETERSEN  
b-30 Jan 1894, Audubon Co., IA  
m-19 July 1913  
d-9 Mar 1978, Orlando, Fla.  
O-Farming  
buried- Exira Cemetery  
(Parents- Peter C. Petersen and  
Justine Jensen)

I. Glenn Petersen, married  
b-20 Aug 1916  
O-Farming

Alta Fischer, Exira, IA 50076  
b-11 Nov 1920  
m-10 Nov 1946

Glenn Petersen was born in Elk Horn, Iowa, and grew up on the farm east of Exira. He spent four years in the service during World War II. He was stationed two years in India.

When Glenn came home from the service he married Alta Fischer. They started farming on the home place and moved the next year to the nearby farm they now own. Glenn and Alta adopted two children, Roger and Faye when they were six weeks old.

Roger is married and has taken over the farming of the home place. Faye is working in a doctor's office in Des Moines.

Glenn and Alta have retired and are living in a new home they built in Exira, Iowa.

- A. Roger Lee Petersen, married Shelley Schroeter, Rt. 3, Exira,  
 b-15 Mar 1956 (adopted) IA 50076  
 O-Farming b-28 Sept 1962  
 m-27 May 1983
- b. Faye Eileen Petersen  
 b-18 Mar 1959 (adopted)
- II. Marvin Lee Petersen  
 b-7 July 1926  
 d-14 April 1945, Veteran of World War II, killed when taking the  
 Island of Luzon in the Philippine Islands.  
 buried- Exira Cemetery
- III. Virginia Petersen, 850 Maury Rd., Orlando, Fla. 32804  
 b-27 June 1931  
 O-PBX operator at a local hospital
- IV. Ardyce June Petersen, married Robert Dean Aagaard, Rt. 1 Box 41-A  
 b-1 June 1931 Mt. Dora, Florida 32757  
 b-19 Oct 1928  
 m-5 June 1949  
 O-General Contractor  
 (Parents- Hans and Esther Aagaard)

Ardyce Petersen was born June 1, 1931 to Violet and Art Petersen joining a family that included three other children. She attended school in Greeley Township, Audubon County and graduated from Exira High School in 1949.

She married Robert Aagaard in June of 1949. They were blessed with four children: Dennis, David, Douglas, and Deanna. The rigors of Iowa weather prompted a move to Florida for more favorable climate in 1957. Ardyce remembers this as an unforgettable experience with she and three children having chicken pox, plus having two of the children still in diapers. With Florida's fast population growth, Robert has found the move good for his construction business.

Ardyce and Bob live in Mt. Dora, a short drive from busy Orlando. They enjoy a nearby lake and fruit from the groves. Their children are married and they have 11 grandchildren all living near by. Their sons Dennis, David, and Doug work with Bob in his construction business. Deanna lives in Boca Raton and is a flight attendant for Pan Am.

Ardyce and Bob enjoy the flying privileges and travel as much as possible. In 1982 they went to Europe and Denmark. They especially enjoyed the visit to the home of their ancestors.

- A. Dennis Dean Aagaard, married 1. Sharon Santee  
 b-8 June 1950 m-7 Mar 1970, dissolved Jan 1982  
 O-Construction Supt.  
 Res- Ridgewood Way, Sanford, Fla. 32771 2. Kristin West  
 b-25 July 1954  
 m-13 June 1982  
 O-Teacher

1. Amy Allison Aagaard  
b-11 Jan 1974
  2. Amber Angela Aagaard  
b-27 July 1975
  3. Asron Allan Aagaard  
b-28 Dec 1976
  4. Katie West (Step child)  
b-6 Nov 1978
- B. David Eugene Aagaard, married
1. JoAnn Long  
b-19 May 1952  
m-4 Nov 1972, dissolved Jan 1981  
O-Construction Supt.  
Res- 751 Palm Dr., Orlando,  
Fla. 32805
  2. Cindy Marshall  
b-10 Mar 1957  
m-14 Jan 1982  
O-Sec. & Treas. for Oil Co.
1. David Christopher Aagaard  
b-23 July 1975
  2. Duane William Aagaard  
b-31 Aug 1977
  3. Dustin Dean Aagaard  
b-30 Sept 1979
  4. Derek Eugene Aagaard  
b-7 Aug 1982
- C. Douglas Lee Aagaard, married
1. Terry Cory, Floral Dr., Apopka,  
Fla. 32703  
b-27 Apr 1955  
m-3 Mar 1978  
O-Office Mgr.
  1. Ashlie Nicole Aagaard  
b-18 Dec 1979
  2. Jason Cory (Step child)  
b-23 May 1974
- D. Deanna Maria Aagaard, married
1. Brent Simpson, Boca Raton, Fla.  
33432  
b-9 Apr 1953  
m-10 Mar 1979  
O-Import Wine Distributor
  1. Taylor Robert Simpson  
b-1 Jan 1983



PART IV. BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LARS N. ESBECK

JOHN N. ESBECK first child and oldest son of Metta Marie and  
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## DESCENDANTS OF JOHN N. ESBECK

## DAUGHTERS



JOHN N. ESBECK



POLLY ADA

John N. Esbeck was the oldest son and first child born to Niels Jensen Esbeck and Metta Marie Poulsdatter. John was born on the Esbeck farm near Brovst in Jutland, Denmark in 1836.

John came to the United States of America in 1862 at age 26. He worked as a carpenter in Warren, Pennsylvania. In 1865 his brother, Andrew, came to America and the two brothers started west and did carpentry in Chicago. Andrew was so enthusiastic about America and what it had to offer that he returned to Denmark in 1867 for the rest of the family.

John moved on to Geneseo, Illinois where he worked as a farm laborer. On June 30, 1869 John married Lorinda Dewey, age 33, daughter of Polly Dewey. The 1870 census lists Polly Dewey as a female housekeeper age 74 from Massachusetts. Mrs. Dewey and husband and family, no doubt, had moved from Massachusetts to a farm near Geneseo, Illinois, since it is reported that John married the daughter of the farmer for whom he worked. Their marriage was performed by a P. A. Christ, minister of the Gospel.

In February of 1868 his brother Andrew N. Esbeck returned to America with all the family except a sister Anna and her husband. The Esbecks lived in the Geneseo area for some time before purchasing land in Bear Grove Township, Guthrie County, Iowa. Since they were in the Geneseo area all, no doubt, attended the wedding of John and Lorinda on June 30, 1869.

Records in Guthrie County, Iowa show John bought land there as follows:

June 15, 1871 - 80 acres were bought for \$400. from Geo C. Tallman and wife (west half, south east  $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 22 in twp. 79 N range 33 west). These 80 acres were part of the 160 acres that became the homestead for John's parents, Niels and Metta Marie Jensen Esbeck and family.

John and Lorinda stayed in Henry County, Illinois and made their home on a farm in Geneseo Township, section #2 N side Green River (80 acres).

They had two daughters, Polly and Ada. Polly never married. Ada W. Esbeck married a William Weiss on September 26, 1894. This marriage was performed by a Henry Moses, minister of the Gospel at Geneseo, Illinois and witnessed by her father John N. Esbeck and her uncle L. N. Esbeck. At the time of Ada's marriage she was 21 and William, her husband, was 25. William Weiss was a resident of Baxter, Kansas; a farmer born in Scott County, Iowa, and a son of William Weiss, Sr. and Elizabeth Masengarb.

Ada and her husband came to Atlantic, Iowa by train for their honeymoon.

John came frequently to the Elk Horn and Kimballton area to visit his brothers and their families. Willie Esbeck remembers on his visits to see his brother Lars, Willie's father, John would help with the farm work, cleaning out the barns, etc.

In the fall of 1940, shortly after Ruth and Howard Esbeck were married and living in East Moline, Illinois, Ada and Polly came to visit them. They came unannounced and introduced themselves, saying Mary Hansen from Elk Horn, Iowa had written that their cousin, Willie Esbeck, had a son living in East Moline. Mary Hansen was at that time a housekeeper for Lars Esbeck, Willie's father and Howard's grandfather.

Howard recalls they were wearing the typical "Minnie Pearl" straw hats and black dresses. They were most happy to find relatives living somewhat near them and conversation came easy. Howard thinks Ada's husband had passed away. Their farm was located not too far from Geneseo, Illinois. Ada and Polly said they planned to continue living on the farm and invited Ruth and Howard to visit them. Their ages at this time would of been somewhere between 65 and 70. Ruth and Howard did drive to Geneseo and to their farm shortly after this visit but the girls were not at home.

<u>JOHN N. ESBECK</u> , married	LORINDA DEWEY
b- 1836, Brovst, Denmark	b- 1836
d-	m-30 June 1869
buried-	d-20 Sept 1903
O-Carpenter & Farmer	

#### DAUGHTERS:

I. Polly Esbeck	
b-	
never married	
d-	
II. Ada W. Esbeck, married	William Weiss
b- 1873	b- 1869
d-	m-26 Sept 1894
buried-	d-
	O-Farmer

PART IV. BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LARS N. ESBECK

CHRIS N. (CHRISTEN NIELSEN) ESBECK second child and second  
son of Metta Marie and Niels Jensen Esbeck

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## DESCENDANTS OF CHRISTEN NIELSEN (CHRIS N.) ESBECK

Chris N. (Christen Nielsen) Esbeck was the second son born to Niels Jensen Esbeck and Metta Marie Poulsdatter. Chris was born in 1837 on the Esbeck farm near Brovst in Jutland, Denmark. Chris was a farmer in Denmark and married Catherine Mortensen. Chris and Catherine and their two sons, Niels and John, came with his parents, brothers and sister to America in February of 1868. Chris and his family located first in Illinois after arriving in USA, but lived in that state only one year, when they moved to Guthrie County, Iowa. There Chris was employed on the Rock Island Railroad, helping to construct the road from east through to Council Bluffs, Iowa. In 1873 they moved to Missouri, where Chris was engaged in railroading. In 1881 they purchased a 160 acre farm in Oakfield Township, Audubon County, Iowa. Chris farmed this until his death in 1888. His wife, Catherine, died in 1887, after having reared a family of ten children.

<u>CHRISTEN NIELSEN (CHRIS N.) ESBECK</u> , married <u>KIRSTEN (CATHERINE) MORTENSEN</u>	
b-3 June 1837, Brovst, Denmark	b- Febr 1841, Denmark
d-3 Mar 1888, Oakfield Twp., Audubon County, IA	m- Brovst, Denmark
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery	d- June 1887, Oakfield Twp., Audubon County, IA

## CHILDREN:



NIELS and ALICE ESBECK



JOHN N. ESBECK FAMILY

I. NIELS ESBECK

Only information known is Niels married Alice a school teacher. They had no children. Alice was living in Audubon in the 1920's.

Back- Esther, Edna, Katherine  
Middle- Ingeborg, Lela, John  
Front- Arnold, Agnes

1908

II. <u>JOHN N. ESBECK</u> , married	Ingeborg Nissen
b-29 July 1867, Brovst, Denmark	b- Aug 1866
d-9 Nov 1960, Des Moines, IA	m-22 Mar 1895
buried- both Exira Cemetery	d-31 Oct 1948

John N. Esbeck came with his parents to USA in 1868 one year after his birth. John was educated in the public schools of the state of Missouri and moved to Audubon County with his parents about the time he finished school. He farmed with his father in Oakfield Township for some years. In his twenties after his father's death he began working in the implement business in Kimballton. After four years in the implement business he purchased 80 acres of land in Oakfield Township, Audubon County, where he farmed for five years. Disposing of this farm in Oakfield Township, he purchased 120 acres in Douglas Township, which he farmed for eleven years. In 1910 he sold the Douglas Township farm and purchased 145 acres in Exira Township. This farm was located just east of Exira. He invested about six thousand dollars in buildings, fences, drains, and other forms of improvements on this farm. He raised an average of 50 acres of corn, 30 acres of small grains and fed out fifty head of hogs a year.

John was a prominent and charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Kimballton. He, his wife, and family were members of the Danish Lutheran Church. A Republican in politics, John served as assessor of Oakfield Township for four years, as township clerk of Douglas Township for seven years and also as school director for several years. He was known to be honorable and straight forward in all the private relations of life. (Taken from- "History of Audubon County, Iowa" - published in 1915)

After John left the farm he bought a feed store in Exira. Later he sold the feed store and went to Des Moines to live with his daughters, Esther and Katherine, who owned and operated a Beauty parlor.

A. <u>Edna Esbeck</u> , married	Anker Sams
b-20 Nov 1895	b-12 Oct 1895
	m- divorced



WILLIE ESBECK & EDNA ESBECK SAMS  
Taken in Des Moines, Iowa- 1975

Edna Esbeck worked for Sena and Willie Esbeck prior to her marriage to Anker Sams. They had 6 children: Norma (adopted), Betty, Robert, Richard, John, and Mary Katherine. Robert was in the military and it is reported that he was born September 29, 1928 and passed away on August 11, 1975.

Edna and Anker farmed in the Exira vicinity. Edna also lived in Des Moines, Iowa prior to moving to Santa Clara, CA. Her current address there is: 890 Main St. #36, Santa Clara, CA. 95050.

- B. Esther Esbeck  
 b-1 June 1897, Audubon Co.  
 never married  
 d- Oct 1982, Santa Clara, CA  
 buried- Exira Cemetery

Esther and her sister Katherine owned and operated a beauty parlor in Des Moines, Ia. After retiring as beauty operators they moved to Santa Clara, CA. to live.

- C. Johanna Katherine Esbeck  
 b-1 Febr 1899, Audubon Co.  
 never married  
 d-17 July 1974  
 buried- Exira Cemetery

- D. Lela Esbeck  
 b-14 Febr 1900  
 d- 1920  
 buried- Exira Cemetery

- E. Agnes Esbeck, married Ray Allen VanCleave  
 b-30 Mar 1903, Audubon Co. b- Aug 1899, Blakesburg, MO  
 d-5 Apr 1982, Santa Clara, CA m-17 Oct 1927  
 buried- both Glendale Cemetery d-22 May 1966, Des Moines, IA  
 Des Moines, IA O-Auto parts sales mgr.  
 Res- Lived in Des Moines until  
 1974, then moved to Santa Clara, CA

1. Richard Allen VanCleave Jr., married Shirley Ann Anderson  
 b-10 Aug 1930, Des Moines b-29 Apr 1934, Des Moines, IA  
 O-Sales Mgr.; Graybar m- 17 Apr 1959  
 Elec., Phoenix, Ariz.

- a. David Kenneth VanCleave (Shirley's son by a previous marriage  
 b-13 Febr 1958 adopted by Richard VanCleave)  
 b. Mark Allen VanCleave  
 b-4 June 1960, Des Moines, IA



DONALD VANCLEAVE FAMILY 1982  
 Left to right: Donald, Aron, Ryan, Jan



RICHARD VANCLEAVE FAMILY  
 Back- Richard, Shirley  
 Craig, Mark, David 1962



- 2. Donald Esbeck VanCleave, marrie Janet Sue Kinney  
 b-4 July 1932, Des Moines, IA      b-6 Aug 1937, Herndon, IA  
 m-16 July 1961  
 O-Sales Engr., Standard Oil,  
 Chicago, IL.
  - a. Aron Kurt VanCleave (adopted)  
 b-18 Dec 1969, Aurora, IL
  - b. Ryan Gene VanCleave (adopted)  
 b-20 May 1972, Meenah, Wisc.
  
- 3. Marcia Esther VanCleave, married Charles Lee Reedy  
 b-29 June 1936, Des Moines      b-5 July 1935, Denver, CO  
 O-Adm., Ford Aerospace,      m-10 June 1956, dissolved Sept 1976  
 Palo Alto, CA  
 Res- Mrs Marcia Reedy, 3702 Carlisle Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050
  - a. Thomas Charles Reedy, married Rosemarie Katherine Starika  
 b-26 May 1957, Des Moines, IA      b-10 Apr 1956, Oakland, CA  
 m-12 Sept 1981
  - b. Linda Rae Reedy, married William Russell Davis  
 b-31 Aug 1960, Fremont, CA      b-26 Sept 1957, San Francisco, CA  
 m-15 Sept 1979
    - 1). Stephen William Davis  
 b-27 Mar 1980, Fresno, CA
    - 2). James Llewellyn Davis  
 b-4 May 1983, Monterey, CA



**WILLIAM DAVIS FAMILY      1983**  
 Left to right: William, Stephan,  
 Linda holding James



**ROSEMARIE & THOMAS  
 REEDY 1983**

F. Arnold Esbeck  
 b-23 July 1905, Audubon Co.  
 d-24 Febr 1918 (age 13)  
 buried- Exira Cemetery

III. **MARY (MARIA) ESBECK**, married  
 b-9 Sept 1869  
 d-3 May 1956  
 buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery

Jens P. Hansen  
 b-3 July 1870  
 m-5 Aug 1891  
 d-7 Febr 1925  
 O-Farming



Mary Esbeck and Jens P. Hansen farmed 5 miles southeast of Elk Horn, Oakfield Township, Audubon County, Iowa. They moved to Elk Horn in 1920. Jens died at home, age 54. He had not been ill, in fact, he had been with the family the evening prior to his death during the night.

Mary's mother died when she was 18 years old and her younger brother Alfred 4 years old. Her father Christen Esbeck died one year later. Mary is credited with raising Alfred.

Mary kept house for Lars N. Esbeck, her uncle, after his wife Christina passed away. Mary was a friendly and well liked person.

- A. Nels Peter Hansen, married Mary Dangaard  
 b-29 Sept 1893 b-17 Apr 1897  
 d-17 Nov 1969 m-21 Apr 1920  
 buried- both Oakhill Cemetery d-13 Sept 1961  
 O-Farming & Construction  
 (Retired in Brayton, IA)
1. Annabel Hansen Petersen, Anita, IA  
 b-15 July 1923 m-25 Aug 1945 to Orville Petersen  
 dissolved 2 Oct 1964
- a. LaVerne Petersen, married  
 b-25 Jan 1946  
 2 children
- b. Darlene Petersen, married Lyle Dorsey  
 b-29 Nov 1947  
 2 boys
- c. Susan Petersen, married Leroy Opbroek  
 b-14 July 1949  
 3 children
- d. Janice Petersen, married  
 b-11 Oct 1953
2. Jens Peter Hansen, married 1. Juanita Wolf  
 b-29 Apr 1927 m- dissolved  
 O-Farming & Construction  
 Res- Brayton, IA 50042 2. DeLores McNutt  
 b-18 Mar 1933  
 m-
- a. Dennis Lee Hansen, married  
 b-10 Jan 1952  
 1 daughter and a step child
- b. Patricia Joe Hansen  
 b-23 Nov 1953
- c. Joni Kay Hansen, married and divorced  
 b-27 Sept 1957  
 1 son

3. Richard Hansen, married Gertrude Sykes, Brayton, IA 50042  
 b-15 May 1928 b-21 Jan 1933  
 O-Feed & Grain salesman m-20 Mar 1953  
 O-Post Master at Brayton, IA
- a. David Richard Hansen, married Margy Hennick, Exira, IA 50076  
 b-16 Oct 1954 b-  
 m-5 Apr 1975
- 1). Benjamine David Hansen  
 b-16 May 1976
- b. Shari Hansen, married Ronald Beymer, Brayton, IA 50042  
 b-23 Mar 1957 b- Nov  
 m-
- 1). Jennifer Lynn Beymer  
 2). Stephanie Jean Beymer  
 3). Richard Dean Beymer  
 4). Veronica Marie Beymer
4. Dale Hansen, married 1. Sandra Keasy  
 b-29 Nov 1938 m- 1960, dissolved 1962  
 O-Construction  
 Res- Wiota, IA 2. Melva Marie Zimmerman  
 b-4 Nov 1944  
 m- 1965
- a. Toni Marie Hansen  
 b-25 Oct 1966
- b. Dana Lynn Hansen  
 b-26 June 1971
- c. Dale Junior Hansen  
 b-4 Oct 1972  
 d-29 June 1981
- B. Christena Hansen, married 1. Alfred Jorgensen  
 b-8 Aug 1894 b- 1890  
 Res- Christena and Anton are d- Febr 1928, he was killed while  
 at the Salem Invalid working on a bridge east of  
 home, Elk Horn, IA Kimballton  
 buried Elk Horn Cemetery
2. Anton Christensen  
 m-16 Sept 1932
1. Fern Jorgensen, married Bill Cook, Elk Horn, IA  
 b-28 June 1916 b-7 Aug 1912  
 d-30 Oct 1978  
 buried- Elk Horn Cemetery  
 O-Self employed electrician
- a. Jerold William Cook (adopted)  
 b-8 Aug 1945
2. Phyllis Jorgensen, married Mervin Jorgensen, Rt. 1, Kimballton,  
 b-16 Nov 1926 IA 51543  
 b-26 Dec 1927  
 m-9 Nov 1947  
 O-Farming

a. Steven Lee Jorgensen, Emmetsburg, IA 50536  
 b-11 Nov 1948 married and divorced  
 O-Owner of a Furniture store

- 1). Michelle Jorgensen  
 b-17 Mar 1971
- 2). Steven Lee Jorgensen, Jr.  
 b-7 Apr 1972
- 3). Stalene Rachelle Jorgensen  
 b-16 Apr 1977

b. Wyleen Kay Jorgensen, Cresco, IA  
 b-25 Mar 1958  
 O-Teacher, Sp. Education

C. Willie Hansen, married Agnes Leander, Elk Horn, IA  
 b-1 Febr 1902 b-16 May 1904  
 d-29 Jan 1969 m-24 Dec 1925, at home of parents  
 O-Farming, one mile south of  
 Elk Horn  
 buried- Elk Horn Cemetery

1. Darlene Hansen, married Lyle Hansen, Des Moines, IA  
 b-12 May 1928, at farm home b-5 Apr 1926, Kimballton, IA  
 m-2 Nov 1947  
 O-Degree in Engr., Owner of Business  
 that builds Semi & Train loaders,  
 Adel, Iowa

a. Connie Dee Hansen  
 b-1 Apr 1950, Des Moines, IA

b. Timothy (Tim) Hansen  
 b-19 May 1952, Des Moines, IA

Twins

c. Theodor (Ted) Hansen, married Becky Richardson  
 b-19 May 1952, Des Moines b-26 June 1952  
 m-16 Apr 1977

1). Abigail Lee Hansen  
 b-26 Febr 1978

2). Levi Andrew Hansen  
 b-3 Nov 1980

d. Roger Hansen  
 b-17 Jan 1956

e. Vicki Ann Hansen  
 b-2 Apr 1963

2. Willis Leroy Hansen, married Marge Jensen, Elk Horn, IA 51531  
 b-7 Nov 1930, at farm home b-10 Mar 1933  
 O-Farming, home farm 1 mi. south of Elk Horn m-11 Dec 1954

a. Scott J. Hansen, married Kristine Petry, Elk Horn, IA 51531  
 b-31 Aug 1956 b-31 Oct 1961  
 O-Farming with his father & operating a  
 Motor Cycle repair shop m-28 Febr 1981

- b. Robin Sue Hansen, Iowa City, IA  
b-17 Mar 1958  
O-Masters from ISU, employed with ACT
- c. Kari Jo Hansen, married Kurt Duitsman, Ankeny, IA  
b-10 May 1960  
b-7 May 1958  
m-23 Mar 1979  
O-Salesman
- 1). Danielle Duitsman  
b-15 May 1980

IV. ANDREW ESBECK Information unknown

V. MARTIN ESBECK

Martin Esbeck never married. He started farming 160 acres which Lars N. Esbeck bought in Oakfield Township for \$25 an acre. He left Iowa and was considered dead till someone saw him in Omaha some 20 or 30 years later. He then came back to Elk Horn and lived with his sister Mary about 1925. He took stallions around for people to use and Thelma Esbeck Wehde remembers sitting on one. Always had candy for the children. He liked to play a game with the children to get the candy, like putting it on the edge of the table and racing with them to see who would get the candy. He was most kind and friendly.

It was learned that Martin had migrated to Montana during part of his absence. Howard Esbeck remembers him telling about homesteading in Montana and having to survive some very cold winters there by living in caves and sod houses.

- VI. ALFRED ESBECK, married Grace Huyck  
b-30 Jan 1883, Oakfield Twp., b-9 Apr 1888, Exira, IA  
Audubon Co., IA m-25 Nov 1909  
d-20 Aug 1963 d-5 June 1969  
buried- both Exira Cemetery  
O-Farming

Alfred's parents died when he was very young. He was 4 years old when his mother passed away and 5 when his father died. His sister Mary, age 18, is credited with raising him. Alfred worked for farmers in his youth as a hired man. In 1909 he married Grace Huyck. They farmed in Oakfield Township and East of Exira. They also lived in Exira and Alfred worked for the Hatchery.



L. to R.: Back- Doris, Harold, Gladys, Helen  
Front- Grace & Alfred 1956



Grace & Alfred



- A. Gladys Esbeck, married  
b-23 Febr 1911, Brayton, IA  
Glenn Brawn, 12237 N. E. 92nd,  
Kirkland, Wash. 98033  
b-16 Apr 1903, Clear Lake, WA  
m-1 Sept 1937  
d-1 Nov 1976  
buried- Redmond Cemetery, Redmond, WA  
O-Logger
1. George Brawn, married  
b-13 Febr 1939, Winthrop,  
WA  
Maria Scott, Dublin CA  
b-9 Nov 1951  
m-19 May 1973  
O- Navy 4 yrs., Bank Am.  
18 yrs., now selling furniture  
to Banks and Wholesale stores
- a. Chris Brawn  
b-13 Febr 1977
2. Gordon Brawn, married  
b-12 Sept 1942, WA  
O-Airforce 4 yrs., now  
fireman at Sec Tac (near  
Tacoma)  
Karen Kuntz, Kirkland, WA  
b-9 Nov 1948, N.D.  
m-22 Febr 1978
- a. Annie Brawn  
b-30 Jan 1979
- b. Glenn Brawn  
b-17 Nov 1980
3. Gloria Brawn, married  
b-31 Dec 1944, Snoqualmie  
Falls, WA  
Cecil Basden, Selma, N. C.  
b-15 Dec 1941, Kingston, N.C.  
m-5 Oct 1963  
O-Airforce 20 yrs., now works  
for ADT
- a. Katherine Basden  
b-10 Nov 1964
- b. Cecil (Chip) Basden  
b-15 Nov 1967
- c. Jeremiah Basden  
b- Nov 1979
- B. Helen Esbeck, married  
b-7 Dec 1914, Brayton, IA  
Albert L. Beel, 1801 Little Sioux  
Lane, Cozad, NB 69130  
b-10 June 1916, Valentine, NB  
m-27 June 1937  
O-Laborer (Retired)
1. Leland A. Beel, P. O., Box 471, Somis, CA 93066  
b-4 Apr 1938, Cozad, NB  
never married  
O-Electronic Technician
2. Larry A. Beel, married  
b-16 Apr 1941, Cozad, NB  
O-Elec. Tech. for Navy  
Karen Ott Benbrook, 333 Highland  
Place, Escondido, CA 92027  
b-7 Nov 1940  
m-26 Dec 1964
- a. Shari Beel  
b-16 July 1966, Cozad, NB

- b. Sheila Beel  
b-28 Jan 1961
- c. Sonja Beel  
b-12 June 1962

C. Harold Esbeck, P. O., Box 11, Kirkland WA 98033  
b-24 Apr 1916, Exira, IA married 1940, divorced 1941  
O-Electrician (Retired)  
Moved from Exira, Iowa to Kirkland, WA in 1937

- 1. Leona Esbeck, married  
b-7 Apr 1941  
O-Nurse  
Res- Olympia, WA
  - 1. Bob Bickers  
m- 1965, divorced
  - 2. Jim Jepson  
m-23 Aug 1976
- a. Robert Bickers  
b-1 Aug 1966
- b. Barbara Bickers  
b-22 Apr 1971
- c. Anglea Jepson  
b-19 Sept 1977

D. Doris Esbeck, married  
b-4 Sept 1924  
d-17 Jan 1971  
buried- Exira Cemetery

- 1. Linda Lowers, married  
b-9 Aug 1947  
O-Post Office Clerk
  - a. Kimberly Shawntell Eilts  
b-6 Jan 1969
  - b. Trent Michael Eilts  
b-15 Sept 1971
  - c. Shane Christopher Eilts  
b-19 Dec 1973

Richard Lowers, Atlantic, IA  
b-21 May 1922  
m-15 Nov 1942  
O-Implement Dealer  
2nd m-7 July 1971 to Marcia Schwab  
Ross Eilts, Rt. 1, Massena, IA 50853  
b-18 Dec 1940  
m-7 Oct 1967  
O-Farmer

- 2. Pat Lowers, married  
b-14 Jan 1949

Phil Marshall, 1408 Oak St., Atlantic,  
IA 50022  
b-15 Dec 1945  
m-26 June 1971  
O-Construction

- a. Paul Richards Marshall  
b-14 Sept 1973
- b. Mindy Marie Marshall  
b-28 Febr 1976
- c. Michael Patrick Marshall  
b-3 Aug 1978
- d. Karen Rae Marshall  
b-6 Oct 1979

VII. NO NAME given on stone in Elk Horn Cemetery, just- a child born and died in 1887 the same year as mother Kirsten Esbeck died.

PART IV. BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LARS N. ESBECK

KAREN MARIE ESBECK CHRISTENSEN third child and oldest daughter  
of Metta Marie and Niels Jensen Esbeck

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CHILDREN:

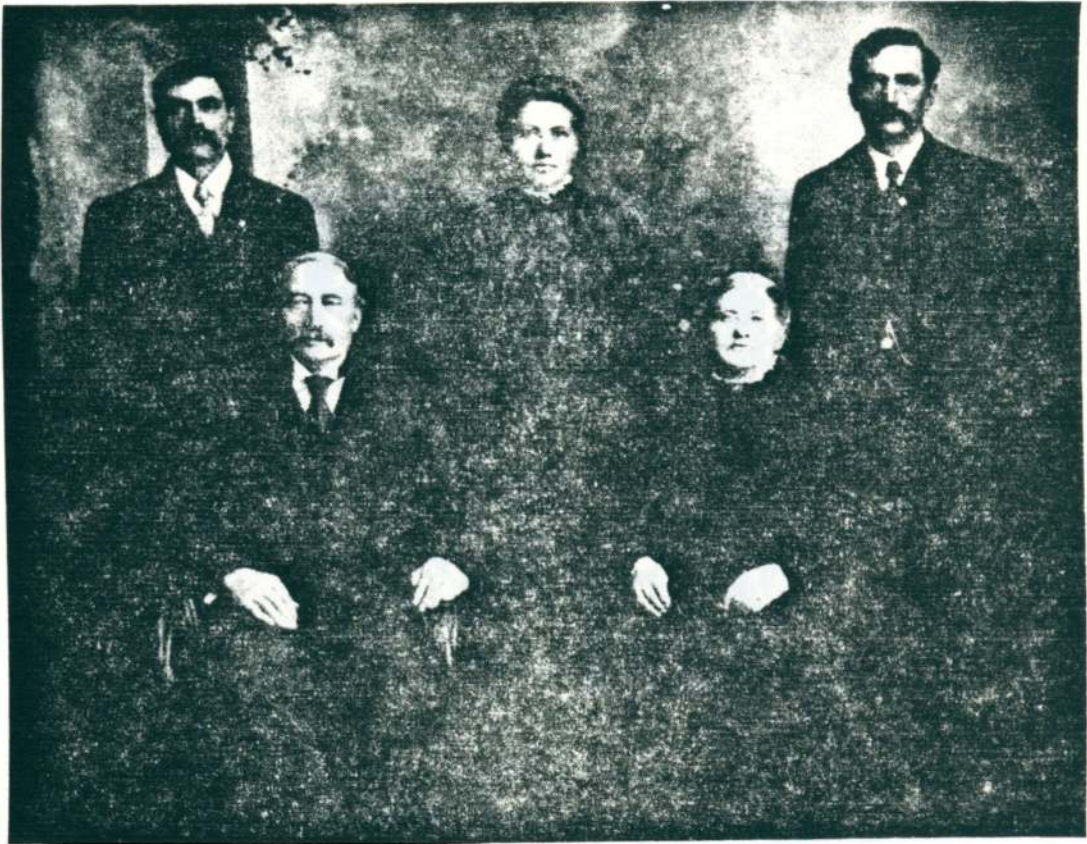
- I. C. C. Nelson - pages 126-129
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KAREN MARIE and NELS B. CHRISTENSEN FAMILY



NELS B.

KAREN MARIE



Left to right, back row- Martin      Mary      John N.  
front row-      Nels B.      Karen Marie



C. C. NELSON FAMILY



C. C. Nelson and wife, Sine



- Otis and Muriel Madsen, wedding  
March 23, 1958



Seated: Verda and Melvin Madsen - 49th Anniversary  
Standing: Granddaughters- Lynne, Leigh Ann, Lori, Layna  
Taken in 1981

## DESCENDANTS OF KAREN MARIE ESBECK

Karen Marie (Mary) Esbeck was the oldest daughter and the third child of Niels Jensen Esbeck and Metta Marie Poulsdatter. Karen Marie was born in 1838, on the Esbeck farm near Brovst in Jutland, Denmark. She came with her parents and brothers and young son to the United States in February of 1868. Karen Marie married Nels Bertel (Nels B.) Christensen in 1871. Nels B. worked on the railroad with Karen Marie's brother, Lars, and it was, no doubt, through her brother Lars that they met. Nels B. saved his money and then made more by loaning it out to others at a high rate of interest.

To this marriage was born two sons, Martin and John, and one daughter, Metta Marie (Mary).

<u>KAREN MARIE (MARY) ESBECK</u>	married	NELS BERTEL (NELS B.) CHRISTENSEN
b-11 July 1838, Brovst, Jutland, Denmark		b-22 Mar 1843, Jutland, Denmark
d-6 May 1922		m- Apr 1871
		d-4 Jan 1923
		O-Farming
buried- both Atlantic Cemetery		(Parents- Christian Sorensen and Maren Kristensen)

## CHILDREN

I. <u>C. C. Nelson</u>	married	Nelsine (Sine) Christensen
b-3 Aug 1866, Jutland, Denmark		b-16 Jan 1877, Denmark
d- 1954, Salem Home, Elk Horn, Iowa		m-20 Dec 1899
		d- 1955, Salem Home, Elk Horn, Iowa
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery		
O-Auctioneer and Farmer		

C. C. Nelsen was one and one-half years old when he came with his mother Karen Marie to America. At the age of 16, he hired out as a farmhand for \$45 per month. He later took on three horse drawn cream routes for \$100 per month. C. C. also did some grub-breaking (this was clearing the land of small trees, stumps, stones, etc., so it could be tilled). At age 21, he acquired a threshing machine and did custom threshing for 1½ cents a bushel.

At age 22, C. C. attended an auction at which the auctioneer never showed up. Volunteers from the crowd were asked to come forward. C. C. did and thus began a career of "crying sales" for the next 60 years. His fame as an auctioneer spread through the counties surrounding Audubon and Shelby.

On December 20, 1899, C. C. married Nelsine Christensen, daughter of Jens and Karen Marie Christensen. Sine was born in Denmark, but came to the Kimballton area with her parents at the age of 16 months. After they were married C. C. worked for his uncle, Martin Esbeck, selling and repairing machinery. Later they moved to Harlan, Iowa and C. C. worked for Charlie Booth selling and repairing farm machinery. In the early 1900's they returned to Kimballton and C. C. was involved in the lighting rod and pump business.

After living in Kimballton for eight years, they moved to a farm  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Kimballton. Here they build a house and all the farm buildings. This homestead is now occupied by their oldest daughter and husband, Verda and Melvin Madsen.

In 1917, C. C. bought a section of land in Canada for \$14 and acre. The following year he went north and built a house and farm buildings on the land and as each son reached the age of 16, they moved to Canada to venture out on their own. They had three sons: Carl, James and Otis, now all deceased.

Both C. C. and Sine spent their last years at the Salem Home in Elk Horn, Iowa. C. C. will be remember as a vigorous pusher in the establishment of the Atlantic Northern Railway and from the very beginning he worked faithfully to maintain the railway which crossed his farm. He was considered one of the big boosters and financial supporter in building the Elk Horn-Kimballton community. One must not forget his accomplishments were gained with only a third grade education.

(The above was taken from the "Kimballton Centennial Book" -1983)

- A. Carl Nelson, married Elsie McBride  
 b- 1902, Kimballton, Ia.  
 O-Farming  
 Res-Drumheller, Alberta, Canada  
 Children- 2 girls
- B. James Nelson, married Bobbie  
 b- 1904, Kimballton, Ia.  
 O-Farming  
 Res-New Westminister, British Columbia, Canada  
 Children- 3 (one from Bobbie's first marriage)
- C. Otis Nelson, married Fern Brooks  
 b-11 Dec 1905, Kimballton, Ia.  
 d-5 June 1963  
 O-Farming  
 Res-Athabasca, Alberta, Canada
1. Dale Nelson  
 b-21 Apr 1928
  2. Zona Nelson  
 b-16 Febr 1929
- D. Verda Nelson, married Melvin Madsen, Rt. 1, Elk Horn, Ia.  
 b-4 Apr 1913, farm south of 51531  
 Kimballton b-18 Dec 1910, Center Twp., Shelby Co.  
 m-22 June 1932  
 O-Farming (Retired)
1. Donald Madsen, married Phyllis Nelson, Kimballton Ia. 51543  
 b-9 Jan 1933 b-27 Aug 1930  
 m-2 June 1957

2. Ottis J. Madsen, married Muriel Nielsen, Kimballton, Ia. 51543  
 b-11 Dec 1937, Shelby Co. b-1 Sept 1937, Harlan, Ia.  
 O-Farming and Surge Dairy m-23 Mar 1958  
 Equipment
- a. Lori Madsen  
 b-16 June 1959  
 O- Nurse
- b. Lynn Madsen  
 b-17 June 1962  
 O-Working in Omaha, Nebr.
- c. Layna Madsen  
 b-23 June 1965  
 O-Student Nurse
- d. Leigh Ann Madsen  
 b-1 Mar 1968  
 10th Grade
- E. Zona Nelson, married George Larsen, Rt. 2, Harlan, Ia.,  
 b-15 Febr 1915 b-14 Dec 1910 51537  
 m-25 Febr 1933  
 O-Farming (Retired)
1. Leroy Larsen, married Phyllis Lebeck  
 b-19 Jan 1937 b- 10 June 1937  
 O-Farming m- July 1958
- a. Lance Larsen  
 b-27 Dec 1959  
 O-Working at Oakland Beef Plant
- b. Lona Larsen  
 b-18 Oct 1962  
 O-College student, Minneapolis, Minn.
11. MARTIN C. CHRISTENSEN married Mary Bramsen  
 b-13 July 1871, Guthrie Co. b-3 June 1876  
 m-23 Febr 1897  
 d-27 July 1952, Carroll, Ia. d-20 Mar 1967, Elk Horn, Ia.  
 buried- both Kimballton Cemetery (Parents Chris Bramsen and Anna Marie  
 O-Farming Colstrup)
- A. Alvin Bertel Christensen, married Icille Dorothy Reynolds  
 b-27 Dec 1897 b-1 June 1897, Monona, Ia.  
 d-9 Oct 1967, Colorado Springs m-7 Febr 1921  
 O-Bus Driver
1. Helen Arlene Christensen, married Jack Phillips  
 b-28 Oct 1923, Elk Horn, Ia.  
 m- 1 Nov 1942  
 d-8 July 1952, Pittsfield, Mass.
- a. Sherie Diane Phillips, married Roy Burchell  
 b-8 Aug 1943, Erie, Pa.



- b. Carol Lynne Phillips, married Mike Riecker  
b-2 Jan 1945, Erie, Pa.  
O-Nursing, at Provo, Utah
- c. John Douglas Phillips, married Carol Winnings  
b-5 Oct 1949, Albany, N. Y.

111. JOHN N. CHRISTENSEN married Anna Kristena Knudsen  
 b-21 Mar 1873, near Casey, Ia. b-8 Mar 1887  
 d-29 Sept 1958, Vets. Hosp. m-23 Aug 1904  
 Omaha, Nebr. d-25 Apr 1980, Atlantic, Ia.  
 O-Farming, 4 miles east of Elk (Parents Hans Helman Knudsen  
 Horn, Iowa and Anna Marie Nissen)
- A. Karen Marie (Carrie) Christensen, married Hans Peter Jorgensen  
 b-3 Nov 1904, Oakfield twp. b-12 May 1906  
 d-2 May 1972, Audubon, Ia. m-30 Nov 1926  
 buried- both Audubon Cemetery d-6 May 1983  
 O-Farming  
 (Parents Erik Nielsen Jorgensen  
 and Sidsel Marie Madsen)
1. Hans Peter Jorgensen, Jr., married (1) Lorraine Christensen  
 b-5 July 1927  
 2 children & 2 grand children  
 (2) Jane Alt  
 2 children
  2. Geneva Ivadell Jorgensen, married Laverne Krauel  
 b-2 July 1928  
 one daughter
  3. Lloyd Robert Jorgensen, married Shirley Parrot  
 b-15 Mar 1931  
 3 children and 2 grandchildren
  4. Franklin Deleno Jorgensen, married Carol Dean Densmore  
 b-20 May 1933  
 2 daughters
  5. Yvonne Anne Marie Jorgensen, married Keith Staples  
 b-23 Jan 1935  
 3 children and 2 grandchildren
  6. Virginia Kathryn Jorgensen, married Norbert Andrew Stoberl  
 b-29 July 1936  
 3 children
  7. Erick John Jorgensen, married Audrey Christensen  
 b-23 Nov 1937  
 3 children and 2 grand children
  8. Beatrice Mardell Jorgensen, married  
 b-21 Nov 1938  
 one son



4. Delores Whicher
5. Elaine Whicher, married Richard Shepherd  
4 children and 2 grandchildren
6. Marion Whicher  
one son
- D. Robert Andrew Christensen, married Vivian L. Long  
b-3 Jan 1912  
O-Carpenter  
m-10 June 1947
1. Robert Andrew Christensen, Jr., married Sheryl Rae Mozingo  
m-21 Aug 1971  
2 children
2. John L. Christensen, married Elizabeth Ann Rush  
m-5 May 1972  
no children
- E. Hans John Christensen, married Donna Fae Snow  
b-15 Sept 1913  
O-Printer  
b-8 Jan 1919  
m-15 Oct 1935  
(Parents Benjamin Ira Snow and ..  
Ada Almeda Adams)
1. Deborah Sue Christensen  
b-21 Aug 1952  
d-22 Aug 1952
- F. Lilly Marie Christensen, married Alvin Herman Hansen, 6632 Askew,  
Kansas City, Mo. 64132  
b-4 Jan 1916  
O-Sales  
b-14 June 1914  
m-21 Sept 1935  
O-Carpenter  
(Parents Herman Maurice Hansen  
and Helene Elnor Hansen)
1. Lyla Lee Hansen, married Al B. Bradshaw, Jr.  
b-6 Febr 1940  
O-Bookkeeper  
O-Fire Captain  
a. Joanne Bradshaw  
b. Steve Bradshaw
2. Beverly Jean Hansen, married Joseph G. Chatman  
b-16 Apr 1944  
O-Accountant  
O-Manager Edison Shoes  
a. Joy Chatman  
b. Jaime Chatman

3. Jack Alvin Hansen, married Debora Hawley  
 b-25 Dec. 1950  
 O-Programer Computer O-Hosp. Lab. Tech.

- IV. METTA MARIE (MARY) CHRISTENSEN married Mads Madsen  
 b-23 Febr 1875 b-30 June 1870  
 d-4 Aug 1934 d-21 Aug 1942

A. Niels Bertel Madsen  
 b-26 Aug 1896  
 d-16 Oct 1918 (age 22)

B. Katie Madsen, married Otto Petersen  
 b-4 June 1898 m-12 Febr 1917  
 (Lived in the State of Washington)

4 children

C. Lurinda Madsen, married Christian Larsen  
 b-26 July 1901 b- 1884  
 m-21 Mar 1936  
 d- 1964

D. Hilda Madsen, married Andrew Overgaard  
 b- 1903 b-25 Dec 1895  
 d- 1975 d-24 Febr 1974

4 children

E. George Madsen, married Regina Nissen  
 b-9 Apr 1904 b-23 Mar 1909  
 d-11 June 1971 m-28 Jan 1928

one son

F. Walter Madsen, married Lillie Jessen  
 b-13 Oct 1906  
 d-7 Aug 1973

one son and one daughter

(Picture of this family - Mary and Mads Madsen - on the next page)



## MARY CHRISTINSEN and MADS MADSEN FAMILY



Left to right, back row- Hilda      Niels Bertel      Katie  
middle row-      Walter      George  
front row- Mads      Lurinda      Mary

PART IV. BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LARS N. ESBECK

ANDREW N. ESBECK fourth child and third son of Metta Marie  
and Niels Jensen Esbeck

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CHILDREN:

- I. Nena Esbeck Clemsen - pages 139-145
- II. Mary Esbeck Jensen - pages 145 & 146
- III. Anna Esbeck Andersen - pages 145 & 146
- IV. Lily Esbeck Tate - pages 145 & 146
- V. Minnie Esbeck Sandholdt - page 146
- VI. Carrie Esbeck Sandberg - page 146

## DESCENDANTS OF ANDREW NIELSEN ESBECK

Andrew Nielsen Esbeck was the third son and fourth child of Niels Jensen and Metta Marie Poulsdatter. Andrew was born July 18, 1843, on the Esbeck farm near Brovst, Jutland, Denmark.

Andrew came to USA in 1865, joining his brother John who had come in 1862. John worked at the carpentry trade in the east and was for a time in the area of Warren, Pennsylvania. The two brothers started west and did carpentry in Chicago for a time. Andrew was so enthusiastic about America and what it had to offer that he returned to Denmark in 1867 to marry and to bring the rest of his family to America. Andrew married Maren Christina Christensen in January of 1868. The voyage the next month to America was to be their honeymoon. After traveling 30 days on the ocean Andrew and his new bride along with his parents, brothers: Christen (and his wife and two young sons), Lars, Peter, and Martin, and a sister Karen Marie and her young son arrived in the United States. Only one sister Anna remained in Denmark.

They came to Geneseo, Illinois, where John was then located. They lived in this area for a year before land was purchased in Bear Grove Township, Guthrie County, Iowa, which became the homestead for the Niels Jensen Esbeck family, and the first home for Andrew and Christina.

Andrew purchased  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres for \$50 in Bear Grove Township, Guthrie County on February 1, 1870. More land was purchased for \$600 on July 13, 1874. In 1879 Andrew and Christina and their children moved to a farm two miles east of Elk Horn, Oakfield Township, Audubon County, Iowa (now Lynn Johnson's farm). They were among the early settlers of Oakfield Township. It was a lovely spot on the prairie at the time they moved there. There were no houses between them and Exira, 7 miles east. Andrew paid \$5 an acre for this land. Andrew was one of the charter members of the Elk Horn Danish Lutheran Church and his children attended school in one of the private homes of the neighborhood for a year or two before a school house was built near their home. They farmed until 1894, the first really dry year, when they sold out and moved to Texas. Later the family moved to Watsonville, California. It is believed that the farm they left behind in Texas was later found to be rich in oil.

Andrew being a carpenter as well as a farmer was very inventive. He had water piped from a spring into their farm home 2 miles east of Elk Horn and into the hog house and out to the cattle. He fixed cribs with elevators so they didn't have to scoop corn. Andrew had one of the first hay loaders. His brother Lars who lived one mile east of him, got the hay loader when Andrew moved to Texas in 1894.

Seven children were born to Andrew and Christina while they lived in Iowa. Six were girls: Mary, Nena, Anna, Lillian, Minnie and Carrie. A son died in infancy.

Christina passed away December 8, 1912 at their home in Watsonville, California, after an illness of two weeks. Two children had preceded her in death, the son that died in infancy and a daughter Mrs. Carrie E. Sandberg who had died only a few months earlier on July 30, 1912.



FARM HOME BUILT BY ANDREW N. ESBECK 1879

Two miles east of Elk Horn (Lynn Johnson's farm home now)



ANDREW N. ESBECK WITH HIS FIVE DAUGHTERS 1914

Left to right: Back row- Mary, Andrew, Nena  
Front row- Lily, Minnie, Anna

At the time of Christina death they had lived in Watsonville 10 years. Andrew re-married some time later to an Anna who had two daughters (Alma and Minnie) from a previous marriage.

An Article in the Elk Horn Kimballton Review, dated November 15, 1934, reported Andrew in good health at age 92 and still driving his car. Andrew died December 5, 1937, at the time of his death, age 94, five daughters were living: Mrs. Mary Jensen, Mrs. Anna Anderson and Mrs. Lillean Tate, all of Berkeley, California, Mrs. William Sandholdt (Minnie) of Moss Landing, CA. and Mrs N. P. Clemesen (Nena) of Elk Horn, Iowa. There also were 23 grandchildren. Six grandsons served as pall bearers: Andrew Jensen, Harry Jensen, Wilbur Sandholdt, Carroll Sandholdt, Ray Anderson, and Darrell Tate.

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| <p><u>ANDREW NIELSEN ESBECK</u>, married<br/>b-18 July 1843, Brevst, Denmark<br/>d-5 Dec 1937, Watsonville, CA<br/>buried- Pioneer Cemetery, Watsonville</p> | <p>1. <u>MAREN CHRISTINA CHRISTENSEN</u><br/>b-11 June 1846, Denmark<br/>m- Jan 1868, Denmark<br/>d-8 Dec 1912, Watsonville, CA<br/>buried- pioneer Cemetery, Watsonville</p> <p>2. Anna M<br/>d- 15 July 1960 (age 91)</p> |
| <p>I. <u>NENA ESBECK</u>, married<br/>b-29 Jan 1874, Guthrie Co., IA<br/>d- 1954, Elk Horn<br/>buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery</p>                            | <p>Nels Peter Clemesen<br/>b-28 July 1871, Jutland, Denmark<br/>m-3 Oct 1893<br/>d- 1941, Elk Horn<br/>O-Farming</p>  |

Nels Peter (N. P.) Clemesen received a fair education in his native land of Denmark. He worked on a farm after leaving school until he reached the age of 18 when he came to the United States. After landing at New York City he came directly to Audubon County, Iowa. Here he obtained employment on farms for four years and rented land in Sharon Township for two years. Following his marriage in 1893 to Nena Esbeck they moved to Texas, where his father-in-law had given him a tract of land. After living four years in Texas, they returned to Audubon County and purchased 80 acres of land in section 17, Hamlin Township. He owned this farm only one year, when he traded it off and acquired 80 acres in section 10 of Oakfield Township. Here they built a house, a barn and other outbuildings, and planted many trees. By 1915 eighty more acres of land had been purchased. That plus rental of 40 more acres gave the family 200 acres to farm.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Clemesen are the parents of 9 children: Arthur, Mabel, Anna, Henry, Buelah, Ethel, Christena, Sylvia, and Lester.

When their oldest son Arthur and family took over the farm they retired to Elk Horn where they lived the remainder of their lives. Their home in Elk Horn was just east of the now Salem Retirement Home.

Arthur Clemesen's son Glen is now the owner and farmer of the Clemesen homestead.

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| <p>A. Arthur H. Clemesen, married<br/>b-15 June 1895, Texas<br/>d-15 Dec 1981, Atlantic, IA<br/>O-Farming</p> | <p>Meta Mikkelsen<br/>b-14 July 1898<br/>d- 1970</p> |
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1. Virgil LaVerne Clemson, married Violet Josephine Fancher
 

b-21 Apr 1922, Audubon Co. O-Farming	b-22 Oct 1925, near Gray, IA m-14 Dec 1944, bride's home near Gray, IA
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  - a. Vickie Lynn Clemson, married Franklin Dennis Jorgensen
 

b-12 Oct 1950, Carroll, Hosp. O-Grad. of NW MO State U., Pre-school Nursery at Carroll, IA	b-31 Dec 1949, Carroll Hosp. m-14 Aug 1971, Audubon Meth. Church O-Grad. of NW MO State U., Jorgensen Truck & Equipment; Teaches at Carroll, Ia. through Des Moines area Community College
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    - 1). Angela Rae Jorgensen  
b-2 May 1974
    - 2). Kristin Lee Jorgensen  
b-27 Dec 1977
    - 3). Kati Marie Jorgensen  
b-18 Dec 1979
  - b. Virlee Ellen Clemson, married John Mark Sklenar
 

b-28 Nov 1954, Carroll, Hosp.	b-10 July 1952, Carroll Hosp. m-18 Aug 1973, Audubon Lutheran Church O-Grad. of NW MO State U.; Certified Public Accountant, Audubon, IA
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    - 1). Nicholas John Sklenar  
b-1 Apr 1981, Audubon Hosp.
  - c. Vilinda Jo Clemson, married Douglas Brooks Gleason
 

b-7 Dec 1958, Carroll, Hosp.	b-15 Febr 1959, Audubon Hosp. m-15 Oct 1977, Audubon Lutheran Church O-Farming
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    - 1). Dustin Brooks Gleason  
b-30 Aug 1979, Audubon Hosp.
    - 2). Abby Jo Gleason  
b-31 Mar 1982, Audubon Hosp.
2. LaVonne Nadyne Clemson, married LeRoy Glissman
 

b-2 Oct 1925, Audubon Co., near Anita, IA (twin) O-Homemaker & Waitress at Colonial Inn, Walnut, IA	b-18 Apr 1926, Pott. Co., IA m-12 Febr 1949, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Atlantic, IA O-Farming
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  - a. Terry Lee Glissman, married Linda McCloud
 

b-17 July 1951, Atlantic Hosp. O-Construction, Cloud Craft, N. M.	b-11 Oct 1953, Michigan m-14 Oct 1973, Key West, Florida
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    - 1). Erick Keith Glissman  
b-6 May 1977
    - 2). Aaron Lee Glissman  
b-28 Febr 1979
  - b. Brenda Sue Glissman, married Keith Berry
 

b-11 May 1954, Atlantic Hosp. O-Legal Secretary	b-30 May 1953, Atlantic, IA m-23 Sept 1979, Atlantic, IA O-Teaching Instructor, El Paso, Texas
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- c. Thomas George Glissman, married Julia Ann Hinz  
 b-19 July 1955, Atlantic Hosp. b-14 Sept 1957, St. Louis, MO  
 m-31 Jan 1976, Avoca, IA  
 O-Parts Mgr. for Chevrolet-Olds. Dealership,  
 Creston, IA
- 1). Derek Christofer Glissman  
 b-19 June 1980
  - 2). Dillon Thomas Glissman  
 b-30 Apr 1982
3. Lyle Eugene Clemsen, married Mary Jane Porch  
 b-2 Oct 1925, Audubon Co., near Anita, IA (twin) b-2 Mar 1930, Anita, IA  
 m-17 Oct 1948, Atlantic, IA  
 O-Shoe Retailer O- Secretary
- a. Kristin Jane Clemsen, married John Bruce Mitchell  
 b-19 Jan 1952, Webster City, IA b-12 Aug 1952, Fort Dodge, IA  
 m-3 July 1978, Fort Dodge, IA  
 O-Grad. IA Central Com. College, Fort Dodge, IA;  
 College, Fort Dodge, IA; Registered Nurse  
 O-Mail Carrier
- 1). Zachary John Mitchell  
 b-2 June 1979
  - 2). Elizabeth Jane Mitchell  
 b-20 Mar 1981
- b. Brent Arthur Clemsen, married Jan Renee Highland  
 b-4 Dec 1954, Clarion, IA b-30 Mar 1955, Sac City, IA  
 m-23 June 1979, Sac City, IA  
 O-Dist. Mgr. Viking Pump Co., Maple Valley, Wash. (Grad. of UNI in 1978)  
 O-Business- Grad. of UNI, Cedar Falls, Ia, 1970; Thousand Trails Recreation Ass'n., Maple Valley, Wash.
- c. Lance Virgil Clemsen  
 b-12 June 1960, Webster City, IA  
 O-Grad of Simpson College, Indianola, IA, 1983;  
 Graduate student at Columbia Univ., New York City (Social Work)



LYLE CLEMSEN FAMILY 1982 →

Left to right: Back- Brent, Jan, Lyle, John  
 Front- Lance, Mary Jane holding Elizabeth,  
 Zachary, Kristin

4. Glen Dale Clemsen, married Rosa May Jensen, Rt. 1, Exira, IA 50076  
 b-7 Oct 1928, Audubon Co. b-6 Jan 1932, Shelby Co.  
 O-Farming the Clemsen home farm m-24 Apr 1954, Elk Horn Lutheran Church
- a. Laurie JoAnn Clemsen, married Bruce Craig Towne  
 b-21 Sept 1955, Cass Co., b-16 Febr 1956, Elk Horn, IA  
 Atlantic Hospital m-27 Sept 1975, Elk Horn Lutheran Church  
 O-Homemaker & LPN at Clinic (Dr. Kruse)  
 Huxley, IA O-Hoffmann-LaRoche, Inc., Ames, IA
- 1). Megan Renee Towne  
 b-21 Jan 1980
- 2). Gregory Clemsen Towne  
 b-9 May 1983
- b. Bryan Glenn Clemsen  
 b-6 Jan 1958, Harlan Hosp.  
 O-Farming
- c. Susan Jayne Clemsen  
 b-13 July 1961, Harlan Hosp.  
 O-Dental Assistant
- d. Jan Irene Clemsen  
 b-14 Dec 1966, Harlan Hosp.
- e. Joy Ilene Clemsen  
 b-14 Dec 1966, Harlan Hosp.
- Twins
- B. Mabel A. Clemsen, married Christy Knudsen  
 b-20 Mar 1898, Houston, Texas b-24 Sept 1894  
 d-15 Dec 1981, Atlantic, IA m-19 Dec 1918  
 buried- both Oakhill Cemetery d-2 May 1979  
 O-Farming
1. Geraldine Knudsen, married James Forsyth
2. Shirley Knudsen, married Richard Law
3. Donald Knudsen, married Paulene Andersen
4. Ruby Knudsen, died in infancy
- C. Anna C. Clemsen, married Charlie Hansen  
 b-2 May 1900, Sharon Twp., b-10 Jan 1900, Oakfield Twp., Aud. Co.  
 d-23 Aug 1983 m-12 Mar 1924  
 buried both Atlantic Cemetery d..
1. Charles Hansen, married Lois Mardell Christensen  
 children: Sheryl (Mrs. James Hankins), Chuck and Tom Hansen  
 grandchildren: J'Lynn, D'na and Chris Hankins; Jamie and Anna Hansen
2. Leila Hansen, married Bill Campbell  
 children: Kirk and Julia Petersen
- D. Henry Clemsen, married Alma Hansen, Rt. 3, Box 22, Atlantic,  
 b-1 Dec 1902, Sharon Twp., IA 50022  
 Audubon Co. b-20 Aug 1905, Oakfield Twp. Audubon Co.  
 m-

1. Lois Clemesen, married Shorty Duskin, Atlantic, IA  
 b-18 May 1927 b-  
 m-
- a. Dan Duskin, married Patty Hess
- b. David Duskin
- c. Connie Duskin
- d. Karen Duskin
2. Lutta Clemesen, married Lyle Leonard  
 b- married and divorced
- 2 boys and 2 girls
- E. Beulah A. Clemesen, married 1. Myron Turner  
 b-30 Aug 1906 2. Carl Davis  
 Res- 1403 E. 7th St.,  
 Atlantic, IA 50022
1. Darrell Turner
2. Harriet Turner, married Don Strittmatter, CA  
 a. Diane Strittmatter  
 b. Darrell Strittmatter
- F. Ethel M. Clemesen, married Raymond Hoegh, 906 Cedar, Atlantic,  
 b-13 Sept 1909 IA 50022  
 b-7 Sept  
 m-  
 O-Farming (Retired)
1. Mary Dee Hoegh, married Dennis Thomas, Creston, IA
- G. Christena C. Clemesen, married Lawrence P. Nelson, Rt, Brayton,  
 b-8 Nov 1912 Ia 50042  
 b-6 Aug 1909  
 m-  
 O-Farming (Retired and spend  
 winters in Texas)
1. Betty Lou Nelson, married Delmar Patterson, 409 E. 22nd St.,  
 Atlantic, IA 50022
- a. Bryan Patterson married Dianne , 10215 South  
 43rd St., Phoenix, Ar 85044
- 1). Brianna Patterson
- b. Susan Beth Patterson, married John Marchiano, 625 Greenway,  
 Henderson, Nevada 89015
- c. Annette Patterson, married Evan Varley, Menlo, IA 50164
- 1). Clint Varley

- d. Julie Patterson, married Greg Younger, Atlantic, IA
  - 1). Clete Younger
- e. Scott Patterson, Atlantic, IA
- 2. Dale Nelson, married Linda , Exira, IA 50076
  - a. Kimberly Nelson, married Ronald Riffe, Muskogee, OK 74401
  - b. Steven Nelson, Exira, IA
- 3. Glen Nelson, married Janet , Rt. 3, Atlantic, IA 50022
  - a. Amy Jo Nelson, married Steve Robinson
    - 1). Jackary Nelson Robinson
  - b. Brad Nelson, Rt. 3, Atlantic, IA
- 4. Kenneth Nelson, married 5386 Bristol, Arvada, CO 80002
  - a. Atena Marie Nelson
  - b. Troy Zean Nelson
- 5. Janice Nelson, married Vernon Kinnison, Rt. 2, Box 242, Atlantic, IA 50022
  - a. Laurie Linn Kinnison
  - b. Kristie Kay Kinnison
  - c. Karrie Rae Kinnison
- 6. Roger Nelson, married Marilyn , Rt. 1, Box 206 Ogallala, NB 69153
  - a. Traci Lynn Nelson
- H. Lester Clemsen, married Dearie Wheatly, 608 Oak St., Atlantic, IA 50022
  - b-4 Mar 1916
  - O-Builder & Contractor
  - 1. Dallas Clemsen (adopted)
  - 2. Debby Clemsen (adopted)
- I. Sylvia Clemsen, married Burton Foster, Davenport, IA
  - b-10 Nov 1918
  - 1. Ronald Foster



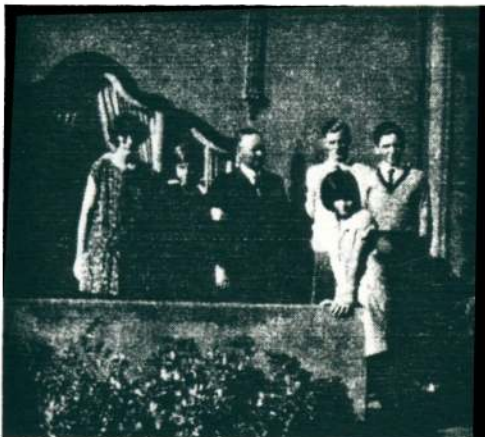
The following pictures were shared by Beulah Clemesen Davis.



Left to Right: Anna Esbeck Andersen,  
and Mary Esbeck Jensen



Nena & Nels P. Clemesen,  
Mary Esbeck Jensen



Lily (Esbeck) and A. W. Tate  
Family



Nena and Nels P. Clemesen

The order may not be correct since only Nena's and Carrie's births were known by this researcher.

II. MARY ESBECK, married Jensen

2 sons- Andrew Jensen and Harry Jensen

1 daughter-

During the 1950's, Alma and Henry Clemens visited Mary a couple times when she lived in Berkeley, California.

III. ANNA ESBECK, married Nels B. Anderson

2 sons- Ray Anderson and

1 Daughter

Nels was a carpenter. Anna and Nels lived in Elk Horn, Iowa for a time, then moved to California where most of the Andrew Esbeck family were living.

IV. Lillian (Lily) Esbeck, married A. W. Tate

2 sons- Darrell Tate and

2 daughters- Harriett Tate and Lana Tate

V. MINNIE ESBECK, married William Sandholdt Jr.

2 sons- Wilbur Sandholdt and Carroll Sandholdt

VI. CARRIE E. ESBECK, married Sandberg

b-21 Sept 1882

d-30 July 1912 (age 30)

VII. A son born and died as an infant.

## PART IV. BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LARS N. ESBECK

ANNA N. ESBECK-JENSEN-NIELSEN fifth child and second daughter  
of Metta Marie and Niels Jensen Esbeck

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## DESCENDANTS OF ANNA (ANE) NIELSEN ESBECK

Anna (Ane) Nielsen was the youngest daughter and fifth child of Niels Jensen Esbeck and Metta Marie Poulsdatter. Anna was born on the Esbeck farm near Brovst in Jutland, Denmark, on the second of May 1845. Anna and her husband Jens Andreas Jensen did not come to America with her father, mother, brothers, and sister in February of 1868. Her first child was due in March.

Later two of her children did come to America to live and marry. Metta Marie (Mary) Jensen a daughter from her first marriage and a son, Andreas (Andrew) Nielsen from her second marriage came to America.

Her father Niels came back to Denmark after his wife died in 1880 with the intension of bringing Anna and her family to America. Anna did not know her father was coming, so it was quite a shock for Anna when she saw her father at her door. Anna was now married to her second husband. They chose to remain in Denmark rather than go to America.

Daabsattest.

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1893

Brovst Foges Skolebog udsiden, af  
Ane Nielsen  
Datter af Selvigskolemand Niels Jensen og hustru  
Mette Marie Poulsdatter af Esbeck, er født i Brovst  
Foges d. 2. Maj 1845 og død i Brovst Skole d. 1. Juni  
A. G. Overenskommet med Skolefoged. Udsiden.  
Brovst Fogesbog, d. 31. August 1893.  
A. B. L. Fog.  
Fogepreest.

Anna's Baptismal Certificate. Note spelling of "Esbeck" and Niels Jensen had not added "Esbeck" to his name as of 1845.

<u>ANNA (ANE) NIELSEN ESBECK</u> , married	1.	JENS ANDREAS JENSEN
b-2 May 1845, Brovst, Denmark		b-1 Oct 1838, Denmark
d-24 Jan 1895, Torslev, Denmark		m-27 Dec 1867, Denmark
buried- she and both her husbands		d-28 May 1872, Torslev, Denmark
Torslev, Denmark		O-Farming
	2.	JENS PETER NIELSEN
		b-4 July 1848, Denmark
		m- 1874, Denmark
		d-16 Febr 1941, Torslev, Denmark
		O-Farming

## CHILDREN FROM FIRST MARRIAGE - Jens Andreas Jensen

- I. NIELS CHRISTIAN \*ESBECH, married Kirsten Marie Christoffersen  
 b-31 Mar 1868, Torslev, Denmark b- 10 Jan 1869, Denmark  
 d-2 May 1957, Torslev, Denmark m-10 Apr 1894, Denmark  
 buried- both Torslev, Denmark d-26 Apr 1948, Denmark

\*February 23, 1924 the surname of Jensen was dropped and Esbech added.

- A. Anna Esbech  
 b-3 May 1897, Denmark  
 never married  
 d-12 Mar 1972  
 buried- Torslev, Denmark
- B. Christiane Esbech  
 b-2 June 1899, Denmark  
 never married  
 d-31 Jan 1981, Brovst, Denmark  
 buried- Brovst, Denmark
- C. Margrethe Christine Esbech, married Laurids Rasmussen  
 b-22 Aug 1901, Denmark b-3 Apr 1901, Denmark  
 Lives in Odense, Jutland, Denmark m-  
 Denmark d-4 Jan 1934, Denmark  
 O-Lutheran Minister
1. +Johannes Esbech, married Bente Palle  
 b-25 Aug 1932, Denmark b-14 Sept 1936, Denmark  
 m-  
 O-Lutheran Minister d-22 June 1978, Marslev, Fyn, Denmark
- +Surname of Rasmussen dropped in 1980
- a. Erik Esbech  
 b-3 Febr 1959, Denmark
- b. Eva Esbech, married Bo Madsen Esbech#  
 b-28 Jan 1960, Denmark b-1 Sept 1960, Denmark
- 1). Christian Esbech  
 b-7 Febr 1980
- #Eva's husband Bo and their son took the Esbech name.
- c. Margrethe Esbech, Jens Benzonsgade 21<sup>II</sup> 5000, Odense C. DK  
 b-16 Apr 1961, Denmark  
 Spent a year as an exchange student in Pennsylvania. Came  
 to Iowa in Spring of 1979 to visit relatives.
- d. Jørgen Esbech  
 b-22 July 1964, Denmark



THE DAUGHTERS OF NIELS CHRISTIAN ESBECH

MARGRETHE CHRISTIANE ANNA

Approximately 1918

50 years later



MARGRETHE 1978



CHRISTIANE'S HOME AT BROVST 1978  
Gordon Esbeck, Craig Esbeck, Christiane, Arne  
(Christiane's nephew), Mary Lou Esbeck

- D. Jens Andreas Esbech, married Karen Elfrida Larsen  
 b-11 Apr 1906, Denmark b-29 Mar 1907  
 d-16 May 1975, Denmark m-  
 buried- Torslev, Denmark Lives in Brovst, Denmark
1. Svend Esbech, married Anna Vognsen  
 b-22 Aug 1928, Denmark b-28 Mar 1927, Denmark  
 O-Librarian, Copenhagen, DK
- a. Anna Marie (Susse) Esbech  
 b-7 Nov 1956, Denmark
- Twins { 2. Arne Esbech  
 b-4 July 1931, Denmark  
 O-Postmaster in Brovst, currently working in Copenhagen
3. Vagn Esbech, married Ingeborg Nielsen  
 b-4 July 1931, Denmark b- Denmark  
 O-Teacher at Kolding, Jutland,<sup>m-</sup>  
 Denmark
4. Knud Esbech, married Gerda  
 b- Sept 1932, Denmark
- a. Bent Esbech  
 b-17 May 1966, Denmark
5. Inger Marie Esbech  
 b-4 May 1939, Denmark  
 d- Mar 1983, Copenhagen, DK
6. Niels Christian Esbech  
 b-29 July 1952, Denmark
- E. Jens Peter Esbech, married Dagmar Larsen  
 b-15 Nov 1908, Denmark b-15 Sept 1908, Denmark  
 d-4 June 1975, Denmark m-  
 d-29 Aug 1976, Denmark
1. Gunner Esbech, married Inge Marie Thellefsen  
 b-8 Oct 1937, Denmark b-24 May 1942, Denmark  
 \*O-Brick factory, Brovst, DK m-
- a. Lone Esbech  
 b-29 May 1962, Denmark
- b. Britta Esbech  
 b-29 Aug 1968, Denmark
2. Erik Esbech, married Anna Petersen  
 b-27 Jan 1943, Denmark b-23 Dec 1949, Denmark  
 \*O-Brick factory, Brost, DK m-
- \*Gunner and Erik own brick factory
- a. Jette Esbech  
 b-19 Nov 1973

NIELS CHRISTIAN ESBECH'S FAMILY IN DENMARK

Niels was Anna Esbech's first son, born march 31, 1868

Perhaps Taken at 40th Wedding Anniversary - April 10, 1934



Left to right:

Back row- Jens Peter, Christiane, Johannes, Margrethe, Anna, Knud,  
Jens Andreas, Karen Elfrida

Front row- Dagmar, Kirsten Marie, Arne, Svend, Vagn, Niels Christian

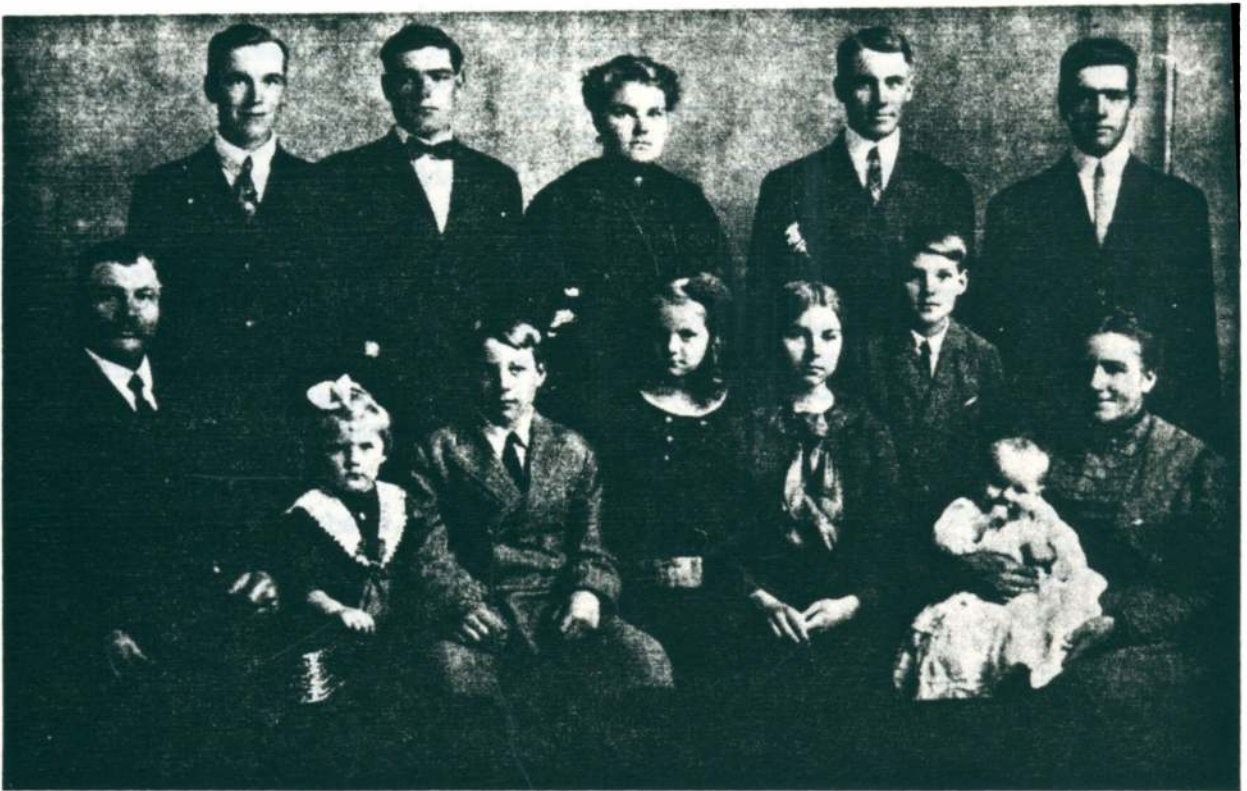


METTA MARIE (MARY) JACOBSEN'S FAMILY IN AMERICA

Metta Marie (Mary) was Anna Esbech's first daughter and second child

Metta Marie (Mary) emigrated to America and married  
Clarence P. Jacobsen

Taken 1914



Left to right: back row - \*Arthur, Ethan, Olga, Norman, Arnold

Front row- Clarence, Hessie, Leonard, \*Leanna, \*Clara, \*Howard, Metta Marie  
holding Leslie

\*Living - June 1983

- II. METTA MARIE (MARY) JENSEN, married Clarence P. Jacobsen  
 b-13 Jan 1870, Torslev, Denmark b-15 Aug 1868, Aero, Denmark  
 d-5 Febr 1927, State Hospital, m-19 Apr 1890, Iowa  
 Clarinda, Ia. d-8 June 1918, Hosp. in Council Bluffs,  
 Iowa  
 buried- both Fiscus, Iowa  
 O-Farmer & Co. Supervisor  
 Res- Fiscus, Iowa  
 (Parents- Ole H. Jacobsen and Sophie  
 K. Petersen -buried Elk Horn Cemetery)

Metta Marie (Mary) Jensen emigrated to the USA in 1888 at the age of 18. She came to the home of her uncle Lars N. Esbeck. Mary found work at Ole H. Jacobsen, Sr. of Kimballton, Iowa as a maid and in 1890 married his youngest son, Clarence P. Jacobsen. Clarence had come with his parents from Aero, Denmark in 1869, when he was six months old.

Mary and Clarence had eleven children. During their married life, they lived a number of places. First, they lived on a rented farm. Later they purchased 180 acres in Sharon Township, Audubon County. Here they resided for 3 years, then sold this farm and bought one in Jackson Twp., Shelby County where they lived for five years. They sold this and bought 240 acres in Polk Twp., Shelby County. Later they added another 80 acres to this farm making it a 320 acre farm. Clarence also did custom farm work. They were doing quite well till 1913 when on Easter Sunday a cyclone hit their farm, destroying all the farm buildings and the house. A piece of timber went thru Clarence's side. They rebuilt all the buildings. In 1916 they had a sale and moved to Spokane, Washington and lived there 1½ years. Clarence became ill and they moved back to the farm in Polk Twp. Clarence died from gallstone surgery in 1918. After Clarence's death Mary and seven of her children moved to Harlan, Iowa. Later Mary lived with her oldest daughter, Olga. Mary's mental health deteriorated and eventually she was taken to the State Mental Hospital at Clarinda, Iowa where she died.

- A. Olga Sopia Jacobsen, married Peter M. Knudsen (formerly Rasmussen)  
 b-17 Mar 1891, Kimballton, IA b-1 June 1888, Kimballton, IA  
 d-17 July 1959, Clay Twp., m-25 Mar 1909, bride's parents farm  
 Shelby Co., IA home  
 d-23 Dec 1980, Harlan, IA  
 O-Farmer, painter & paper hanger  
 Res-Kimballton, Fiscus, Irwin, and  
 Harlan, Iowa; Washington St.  
 (Parents- Lars Rasmussen & Karen  
 Johansen) Name changed to Knudsen  
 in 1900

2nd m-19 Aug 1961 to Dagmar Mark

Olga had milk leg after the birth of her first son, Marvin. The family made a trip to Germany and Denmark hoping to find a cure. A second child was born while they were in Denmark, 1913. After returning home Olga had to have her leg amputated below the knee July 4, 1914. Olga is remembered for her williness to help others, especially the poor - cutting hair, remodeling clothes, and distributing food.



1. Marvin Lawrence Knudsen, married Agnes T. Ives, 3827 9th St.,  
Des Moines, IA 50313  
b-11 Dec 1910, Irwin, IA      b-1 May 1912, Casey, IA  
m-29 June 1934, Harlan, IA  
(Parents- Royce Henry Ives and  
Elsie Cathrine Fuller)
- a. Nancy Rochelle Knudsen, married John Eugene Hackley, 15220  
Eagle Creek Ave., S. E., Prior Lake  
MN 55372  
b-11 Mar 1938, Harlan,  
Iowa      b-15 Apr 1935, Des Moines, IA  
m-14 July 1956, Des Moines, IA  
(Parents- William Erratt Hackley  
and Marcella C. Kinny)
- Nancy and her father Marvin Knudsen were in Denmark this  
March, 1983 and had an enjoyable visit with Gunner Esbeck  
and his family in Brovst. Sunday morning they attended  
church in Brovst and saw the baptismal font the Esbeck  
family had used. Later that same day they went to Torslev  
and found Anna's stone.
- Adopted as infants:
- 1). Julie Ann Hackley, married Steven Elmer Fridges  
b-9 Aug 1961, Des Moines, IA      b-  
m-12 Sept 1980
  - 2). Jon Mark Hackley  
b-1 Aug 1963, Des Moines, IA
  - 3). Steven Scott Hackley  
b-22 Mar 1966, Des Moines, IA
  - 4). Karri Ann Hackley  
b-16 Oct 1977, Shakopee, MN
- b. Jay Wendell Knudsen, married 1. Patricia Prickett  
m-19 Sept 1960, Dissolved  
b-21 July 1942, Harlan, IA      \* 2. Nancy Drummond  
m-11 Jan 1964, Dissolved
3. Cindy  
m-18 Dec 1977, Dissolved
  - \* asterisk denotes mother      4. Linda Brownell  
m-25 July 1981
- 1). Jay Wendell Knudsen, Jr.  
b-21 Oct 1964
  - 2). Tari Louise Knudsen  
b- Aug 1966
2. Agnes Carrie Knudsen, married Harold Leroy Shaffer  
b-3 Febr 1913, Slagles, DK      b-23 Apr 1911, Portsmouth, IA  
m-12 Nov 1933, Harlan, IA  
O-Post Office employee  
Res- Des Moines, IA

- a. Richard Jerry Shaffer, married  
b-3 Aug 1936, Harlan, IA m- June 1958, Des Moines, IA
- 1). Richard Shaffer, Jr.  
b- 1959
  - 2). Bradley Stewart Shaffer  
b- 1963
  - 3). Andrew Corey Shaffer  
b- 1965
- b. Mary Katharine Shaffer, married Dennis Floyd Snell  
b-25 July 1941, Lake City, IA b- m-10 May 1959, Des Moines, IA
- 1). David Micheal Snell  
b- 1959
  - 2). Susan Lynette Snell  
b- 1961
  - 3). Tamera Dee Ann Snell  
b- 1964
- c. Jamie Harold Shaffer, married Joyce Darlene Loftus  
b-18 Mar 1944, Lake City, IA b- m-4 June 1965, Ames, IA
- 1). Eric Warren Shaffer  
b- 1969
  - 2). John Robert Shaffer  
b- 1974
3. Wilmer Lester Knudsen, married 1. Celia  
b-12 Mar 1917, Harlan, IA 2. Mary
4. Jack Russell Knudsen, married Grace Ann Evans, 1112 Farnam Cir.  
b-20 Dec 1925, Harlan, IA Harlan, IA 51537  
O-Sells N. Y. Life Ins. b-26 June 1930, Harlan, IA  
m-10 Oct 1948, Harlan, IA  
(Parents- Lee Evans and Alta Grace Plumb)
- a. Sharon Kay Knudsen, married Timothy David Semple  
b-19 Sept 1948, Harlan, IA b- m-23 Nov 1969, Harlan, IA
- 1). Kimberly Ann Semple  
b-6 May 1970
- b. Stanley Lee Knudsen, married Judy Jean Duckworth  
b-21 Jan 1954, Harlan, IA b- m-24 Sept 1977, Harlan, IA
- 1). Dawn Sheryl Ann Knudsen  
b-1 May 1980

- B. Ethan Adrion Jacobsen, married Myrtle Petersen  
 b-23 Nov 1892, Audubon Co. b-  
 d- Mar 1973, Inglewood, CA m-4 Mar 1914, Shelby Co.  
 buried- both Los Angeles, CA d- Jan 1967, Los Angeles, CA  
 Res- Los Angeles, CA  
 O-Frigidaire work
1. Virgil Jacobsen, married Ferris Draper  
 b-1 Jan 1915 b-  
 m-29 Sept 1940
- a. Steven Jacobsen  
 b-18 Aug 1943
- b. Dennis Jacobsen  
 b-15 Jan 1947
2. Beatrice Jacobsen, married Francis Simes  
 b-28 Apr 1917 b-  
 m-
- a. David Simes  
 b-7 Jan 1941
- b. Robert Simes  
 b-30 Apr 1944
3. David Jacobsen, married Helen  
 b- b-  
 m-
- a. Paul Jacobsen  
 b-
- b. Mark Jacobsen  
 b-
- c. Andy Jacobsen  
 b-
- d. Ruth Jacobsen  
 b-
- e. Becca Jacobsen  
 b-
- C. Norman Elmer Jacobsen  
 b-16 Aug 1894, Audubon Co.  
 never married  
 d-21 Mar 1922 (of T. B.)  
 buried- Fiscus, IA
- D. Arnold Wilmer Jacobsen, married Mariam Rold  
 b-10 May 1897, Audubon Co. b-  
 d-2 Mar 1982 m-  
 buried-Harlan, IA  
 O-Worked for Manning Creamery
1. Mary Lorane Jacobsen

E. Arthur Jacobsen, married  
b-8 May 1898, Shelby Co.

Sarah Hansen  
b-  
m-28 June 1922  
(Parents- Jacob and Ane Hansen,  
Elk Horn)

F. Clara Lovinda Jacobsen, married  
b-12 Dec 1900, Shelby Co.

Merle J. Weimer, Sr.  
b-9 Sept 1895, Shelby Co.  
m-  
O-Employed by a moving Van

1. Merle J. Weimer, Jr.  
b-12 Nov 1923, Harlan, IA

2. Harold Weimer  
b-7 Jan 1925, Harlan, IA  
d- Mar 1925, Harlan, IA

Twins

3. Darrell Weimer  
b-7 Jan 1925, Harlan, IA  
d- 1979, CA

G. Leonard Jacobsen, married  
b-18 Dec 1902, Shelby Co.  
d-1 Feb 1979, Harlan, IA  
buried- Dunlap, IA  
O-Farmer

Juanita Shear  
b-  
m-9 June 1925

1. Bill Jacobsen, married  
5 children

H. Howard Hight Jacobsen, married  
b-18 Aug 1905, Shelby Co.

Ruth Sorensen  
b-16 Aug 1905, Sioux City, IA  
m-1 Nov 1929  
(Parents- Carl Sorensen and  
Ottelia Fredricksen)

Res-Dana Point, CA

1. Van Jacobsen, married  
b-2 Jan 1932

Jamie Tompkins  
b-  
m- June 1951

a. Peggy Arleen Jacobsen, married Stephen Casselberry  
b-3 June 1952  
b-  
m- Aug 1976

1). Jamie Jo Casselberry  
b-19 Mar 1979

b. William Stewart Jacobsen  
b- June 1953

c. James Howard Jacobsen, married Jo  
b- Aug 1955

b-  
m- June 1980

1). James Van Alex Jacobsen  
b-29 Jan 1981

2. Carol Jacobsen, married  
b-15 Nov 1937

Dr. Louis Duelder  
b-  
m-

## LEANNA AND EINER JENSEN FAMILY - 1973



Left to right-

Back row: Floyd, LaVale holding Holly, Terry, Peggy, Kenneth, Mertle,  
Julie, Greg, Jane, and Jim

Middle row: Patricia, Carol, Leanne, Jerry, and John

Front row: Leanna (Mother), Edward, Bruce, Kathy, Einer (Father), Janeen

Sitting in front: Kenneth and Jeannette

I. Leanna A. Jacobsen, married

b-5 Oct 1908, Shelby Co.

Einer O. Jensen, 2108 12th St.,  
Harlan, IA 51537

b-2 Apr 1904, Harlan, IA

m-12 June 1927, Adel, IA

O-Farmer (Retired)

(Parents- Jim Jensen and Marie  
Jorgensen)

1. Floyd J. Jensen, married

b-9 Aug 1928, Harlan, IA

O-Carpenter

LaVale Green, Harlan, IA

b-21 Dec 1928, Shelby Co.

m-21 Nov 1948, Harlan, IA

(Parents- Lake Green and Velma  
Grabill)

a. Peggy J. Jensen, married

b-14 Mar 1950, Elk Horn,  
IA

Terry Thomsen

b-

m-28 Nov 1969, Harlan, IA

1). Holly Thomsen

b-11 Dec 1972

b. Patricia Ann Jensen

b-31 Aug 1953, Elk Horn, IA



2. Kenneth W. Jensen, married Mertle May Mulkey  
 b-20 Sept 1929, Harlan, IA b-30 Sept 1930  
 O-Wood Worker m-22 Sept 1953, Los Angles CA
- a. Gregory Einer Jensen, married Christine C. Ochos  
 b-29 Jan 1954, CA b-  
 m-28 July 1979
- 1). Tina Jensen  
 b- 1981
- 2). Benjamin Jensen  
 b-
- b. Kathy Lee Jensen, married Bryce Tish  
 b-22 July 1955, CA b-  
 m-
- 1). Lynette Tish  
 b-
- 2). Bradley John Tish  
 b-
- c. Julie Ann Jensen, married Pat Hilton  
 b-19 Sept 1959, Covina, CA b-  
 m-
- 1). Nicholas Hilton  
 b-
- 2). Clinton D. Hilton  
 b-
- d. Leanna May Jensen  
 b-6 May 1961, Covina, CA
- e. Carol Louise Jensen  
 b-12 Sept 1962, Covina, CA
- f. Bruce Jensen  
 b-23 Mar 1964, Covina, CA
- g. Jeannette Jensen  
 b-10 Sept 1967, Covina, CA
- h. Kenneth Jensen  
 b- Apr 1969, Covina, CA
- i. Edward Jensen  
 b-30 Mar 1970, Covina, CA
3. James L. Jensen, married Jane Lavonne Graves, Rt. 4, Harlan,  
 b-5 Nov 1936 IA 51537  
 O-Farmer b-9 Apr 1938,  
 m-23 Dec 1959, Harlan, IA  
 (Parents- Jack Graves and Rhoda  
 Petersen)
- a. Jerard Jensen, married Joyce Lyonne Akins  
 b-4 Nov 1961, Elk Horn, IA b-  
 m-11 June 1983

- b. John Jensen  
b-11 Oct 1962, Elk Horn, IA
- c. Janeen Jensen  
b-1 June 1968, Harlan, IA

J. Hessie Marie Jacobsen  
b-24 Sept 1910, Shelby Co.  
never married  
d-13 Aug 1982, Hemet, CA  
buried- Fiscus, IA

K. Leslie Marion Jacobsen  
b-29 Mar 1914, Shelby Co.  
never married  
d-17 Mar 1980, Pasadena, CA  
buried- Fiscus, IA

CHILDREN FROM SECOND MARRIAGE --- Jens Peter Nielsen

JENS PETER NIELSEN (Anna Esbeck's second husband) and FAMILY



Left to right:

Back - Niels, Karen Marie,  
Front - Jens Peter (father)

Johanne,  
*Kristine*

Andrew,

Taken about 1900

Kristine *Johanne*

← Twins →

- III. \*ANDREAS (ANDREW) NIELSEN, married  
 b-19 July 1876, Torslev, DK (twin)  
 d-6 Sept 1957, Hosp., Harlan, IA  
 buried- both Merrill's Grove Cemetery  
 O-Farmer, carpenter and cabinet maker  
 \*Emigrated to America

Emma Larsen  
 b-7 Apr 1885  
 m-26 Dec 1906  
 d-12 June 1912

Andreas (Andrew) Nielsen at age 27 emigrated to America in 1903, after spending some time in the military service in Denmark and 5 years studying the carpentry trade. Andrew came to the Elk Horn area where several of his uncles lived. He met Emma Larsen who lived northeast of Kimballton and they were married December 26, 1906. They moved to the Fiscus area where they lived on a farm. A daughter, Alma Marie, was born April 14, 1909 and a son, Harold Paul, Sept. 3, 1911. The following year on June 12 his wife, Emma, passed away. Harold was 9 months old and Alma 3 years old. Emma's sister living in California came to Iowa to help Andrew care and raise his family.

Andrew left the farm and did carpentry work until 1917, when he purchased a store at Fiscus, Iowa. The family lived in Fiscus operating this store until 1924, when they moved to Audubon, Iowa. At Audubon, Andrew worked as a carpenter until 1948, when he moved to Harlan, Iowa. He lived there until his death in 1957.



Andrew Emma 1906

- A. Alma Marie Nielsen, married  
 b-14 Apr 1909, farm near  
 Fiscus, IA

Howard Rasmussen, 1314 Garfield Ave.,  
 Harlan, IA 51537

b-29 Nov 1906  
 m-31 May 1931, Council Bluffs, IA

1. Diane Rasmussen, married  
 b-11 June 1939

Emmert Anderson, R. R., Kirkman,  
 IA 51447

b-27 Apr 1938  
 m-

- a. Scott Anderson  
 b-27 Oct 1964

- b. Kent Anderson  
 b-13 May 1968

- c. Mark Anderson  
 b-15 Sept 1971

2. Dean Rasmussen, married  
 b-5 Sept 1942

Caren Brown, Rroad Brook, Conn. 06016  
 b-22 Jan 1947

m-

- a. Christina Rasmussen  
b-13 Nov 1970
- b. David Rasmussen  
b-22 Apr 1973
- c. Claudia Rasmussen  
b-15 Mar 1976

## ALMA AND HOWARD RASMUSSEN FAMILY - 1981



Left to right: Back row- Dean, Caren, Scott, Diane, Emmert, Kent  
Front row- Christina, David, Claudia, Alma, Howard, Mark

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|---|--|
| <p>B. Harold Paul Nielsen, married<br/>b-3 Sept 1911, farm near<br/>Fiscus, IA</p> <p>1. Judy Nielsen, married<br/>b-7 Jan 1938</p> <p style="margin-left: 2em;">a. Carl Owoda<br/>b-15 Sept 1961</p> <p style="margin-left: 2em;">b. June Ann Owoda<br/>b-30 Aug 1964</p> <p style="margin-left: 2em;">c. Keiko Owoda<br/>b-5 Oct 1966</p> <p>2. Harold Nielsen, Jr., married<br/>b-27 Febr 1941</p> | <p>Ann Brus, Albuquerque, N. M. 87100<br/>b-13 Mar 1914<br/>m- 1936</p> <p>Yasuyuki Owoda, Redlands, CA 92373<br/>b-17 Febr 1934<br/>m-</p> <p>Tommie Sue Williams, Albuquerque, N. M.<br/>b-17 June 1945<br/>m-</p> |
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- a. Melissa Nielsen  
b-15 May 1969, Albuquerque, N. M.
  - b. Eric Nielsen  
b-7 May 1976, Albuquerque, N. M.
  - 3. Mary Lee Nielsen  
b-28 Sept 1946,
  - 4. Phillip Nielsen  
b-28 July 1952,  
d- 1975 (age 23) Polio
- IV. KRISTINE NIELSEN, married Niels Peter Riber  
b-19 July 1876, Torslev, DK (twin) b-31 Oct 1868, Denmark  
d-22 Febr 1943 m-  
d-15 Nov 1948, Denmark
- A. Anna Riber, married Jens Christian Jensen  
b-16 May 1905, Denmark b-3 Jan 1895, Denmark  
m-  
d-25 May 1968, Denmark
  - 1. Knud Jensen, married Anna Nielsen  
b-10 Jan 1941, Denmark b- 25 Apr 1947, Denmark  
m-
    - a. Sanne Riber Jensen  
b-8 July 1966
  - B. Christian Peter Riber, married Marie Madsen, Skream, Denmark  
b-27 Febr 1907, Denmark b-26 June 1918  
d-14 Jan 1976 m-
  - 1. Neils Marius Riber, married Edith Sorenson, Bronderslev, Denmark  
b-19 Febr 1946, Denmark b-19 Febr 1946, Denmark  
m-
    - a. Soren Christian Riber  
b- 16 Dec 1969
    - b. Christian Peter Riber  
b-24 Dec 1977
  - C. Johanne Riber, married Lauriths Justesen  
b-10 Nov 1911, Denmark b-20 Jan 1898, Denmark  
m-  
d-7 Mar 1976
  - 1. Preben Riber Justesen, married Inger Jorgensen  
b-31 Jan 1933, Denmark b-23 May 1936, Denmark  
m-
    - a. Pia Riber Justesen  
b-25 May 1960, Denmark
    - b. Lene Riber Justesen  
b-12 Febr 1965, Denmark





V. KAREN MARIE NIELSEN

b-19 Aug 1878, Torslev, Denmark  
 never married  
 d-19 Oct 1957, Denmark

VI. JOHANNE NIELSEN

b-3 Nov 1883, Torslev, Denmark  
 never married  
 d-12 June 1911, Denmark

- VII. \*NIELS LARSEN ESBECH, married
- |                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| b-6 Dec 1887, Torslev, Denmark | 1. Juliane Kristine Pedersen<br>b-29 Mar 1886, Øland, Denmark<br>m- |
| d-22 Sept 1973, Denmark        | d-17 Apr 1920, Denmark  |
|                                | 2. Christine Michelsen<br>b-16 Nov 1888, Nibe, Denmark<br>m-        |
|                                | d- 1965, Denmark  |

\*February 23, 1924 the surname "Nielsen" was dropped and "Esbech" added.

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| A. Arnold Esbech, married                               | 1. Irma Jensen<br>b-1 Oct 1920, Aalborg<br>m-          |
| b-7 Dec 1914, Aalborg, DK                               |  |
|   | 2. Gerda E. Harvig<br>b-31 Dec 1910, Denmark<br>m-     |
| 1. Birthe Esbeck, married                               | Erik Mathiesen<br>b-7 Jan 1929, Aalborg, Denmark<br>m- |
| b-2 July 1939, Aalborg, DK                              |  |
| a. Peter Esbech Mathiesen<br>b-26 May 1964, Aalborg, DK |  |
| b. Lise Esbech Mathiesen<br>b-18 Apr 1969, Aalborg, DK  |  |
| 2. Erik Esbech, married                                 | Hanna Petersen<br>b-16 Sept 1944, Denmark<br>m-        |
| b-11 Jan 1942, Aalborg, DK                              |  |
| a. Eline Esbech<br>b-23 June 1969, Copenhagen, DK       |  |
| b. Jakob Esbech<br>b-27 Sept 1970, Copenhagen, DK       |  |
| 3. Poul Esbech, married                                 | Jytte Nielsen<br>b-15 Dec 1944<br>m-                   |
| b-8 Dec 1943, Aalborg, DK                               |  |
| a. Torben Esbech<br>b-12 May 1972, Copenhagen, DK       |  |
| b. Mette Esbech<br>b-15 July 1975, Maløv, DK            |  |

4. Mogens Esbech, married Halgundur Baldursdottir  
 b-22 Febr 1946, Denmark b-6 Oct 1945, Denmark  
 m-

B. Kristian Esbech, married Anna Nielsen, Aalborg, Denmark  
 b-17 Apr 1920, Aalborg, DK b-31 Oct 1919, Denmark  
 m-

1. John E. Esbech, married Linda Christoffersen, Grenstet, DK  
 b-26 Sept 1943, Aalborg, Denmark b-14 Febr 1941, Denmark  
 m-

a. Lars Esbech  
 b-1 Mar 1968, Aalborg, DK

b. Tina Esbech  
 b-30 Aug 1969, Grindsted, DK

2. Finn E. Esbech, married Margith Dahl, Slangerup, Denmark  
 b-6 Aug 1947, Aalborg, Denmark b-18 Aug 1944  
 m-

a. Jon Esbech  
 b-25 June 1973, Viborg, DK

b. Jens Esbech  
 b-2 Mar 1977, Viborg, DK

c. Niels Esbeck  
 b-2 Mar 1977, Viborg

Twins



KRISTIAN ESBECK'S HOME - 1978

Left to right- Karen Elfrida Arne Anna Kristian

PART IV. BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LARS N. ESBECK

PETER N. ESBECK seventh child and fifth son of Metta Marie  
and Niels Jensen Esbeck

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- IV. Pete Esbeck - pages 179 & 180
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## DESCENDANTS OF PETER NIELSEN ESBECK

Peter Nielsen (Peter N.) Esbeck was the fifth son and seventh child of Niels Jensen Esbeck and Metta Marie Poulsdatter. Peter was born May 21, 1950 on the Esbeck farm near Brovst in Jutland, Denmark. He came with his family to USA in February of 1868 at age 18. Peter and his brother Lars worked on railroad construction, employed by the Rock Island at Casey, Iowa as early as 1969. Peter often told of the robbery committed by the Jesse James gang of outlaws near Adair in 1870. After his marriage Peter settled north of Atlantic on a farm and in 1878 moved to a farm a mile east of Kimballton. He bought 40 acres for \$4 an acre and later added another 140 acres. His 180 acre farm was considered a very large place at that time. Peter's father, Niels Jensen Esbeck, was living with him at the time of his death April 9, 1891. Peter and his wife Martha left the farm in 1914 and moved to Elk Horn to retire.

<p><u>PETER NIELSEN ESBECK</u>, married b-21 May 1850, Brovst, Denmark d-5 Febr 1939, Elk Horn, IA O-Farming buried- Elk Horn Cemetery</p>	<p>1. LENA PETERSEN dissolved</p> <p>2. MARTINA (MARTHA) PAULSEN b-26 Sept 1861 m-14 Aug 1886 d-1 Jan 1932, Elk Horn, IA buried- Elk Horn Cemetery</p>
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## DAUGHTER FROM FIRST MARRIAGE:

<p>I. <u>ROSA DORTHEA ESBECK</u>, married b-12 Dec 1879, farm a mile east of Kimballton d-27 Aug 1956, Elk Horn, IA buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery</p>	<p>Anders Henrick (Henry) Johnson b- 1876 m- 1900 d- 1959, Elk Horn, IA O-Farming, 2½ miles east and ½ N of Elk Horn, IA</p>
<p>A. Hurst Johnson b- 1901, farm east of Elk Horn never married d- 1971 buried- Elk Horn Cemetery O-Farming</p>	
<p>B. Selma Johnson, married b-15 Mar 1903, farm east of Elk Horn</p>	<p>Clifford Nelson, Elk Horn, IA 51531 b-25 Jan 1903 m-31 Dec 1925 O- Farming (Retired)</p>
<p>1. Darrel C. Nelson b- 1926 d- 1926, buried Elk Horn Cemetery</p>	
<p>2. Gail Nelson, married b-29 July 1929</p>	<p>Delores Prall, Laura, IA b-9 Apr 1933 m-16 Sept 1951</p>
<p>a. Beckie Nelson, married b-14 June 1953 O-Computer</p>	<p>Jim Watson, New Jersey b-19 Dec 1953 m-14 Nov 1981 O-Vet for Race Track</p>





2. Donna Rae Johnson, married Cordell Pallberg  
 b-24 Sept 1936 b-27 Apr 1934  
 m-5 Apr 1956
- a. Cindy Pallberg, married Larry Patersen  
 b-17 June 1957 b-  
 m-
- 1). Adam Patersen
- 2). Jacey Patersen
- b. Scott Pallberg  
 b-13 Mar 1960
- c. Joel Pallberg  
 b-20 Nov 1963
- D. Arlene Johnson, married Horace Lupton, 808 North 25th St.,  
 b-5 Oct 1918, farm east of Council Bluffs, IA 51501  
 Elk Horn b-4 Sept 1915, Mt. Clemens, MI  
 m-29 Mar 1951  
 O-Postal Employee
1. Steven Lupton, married Sally Aken, Rt., Box 86 Honey  
 b-3 Aug 1953, Mt. Clemens, Creek, IA 51542  
 MI b-4 Aug 1953  
 O-Pressman m-13 Dec 1972  
 O-Administrative Ass't.
- a. Benjamin Steven Lupton  
 b-28 Mar 1977, Nashville, TN
- b. Amber Jeanette Lupton  
 b-26 June 1978, Nashville, TN
2. Bernard Lupton, married Darlis Kruse, 1318 Mayper,  
 b-30 July 1958, Council Carter Lake, IA 51510  
 Bluffs, IA b-18 Jan 1957  
 O-Packer & Shipper of m-30 May 1981  
 Auto Parts O-Commerical Rater
- a. Kira Elizabeth-Ann Lupton  
 b-30 Dec 1982, Council Bluffs, IA

## CHILDREN FROM SECOND MARRIAGE: MARTHA PAULSEN

- II. META MARIE (MARIE) ESBECK, married Chris C. Larsen  
 b-24 Febr 1888, farm east of b-6 June 1885  
 Kimballton, IA m-21 May 1910  
 d-9 July 1955 d-16 Mar 1965  
 buried- both Audubon Cemetery O-Farming in Audubon Co., IA
- A. Vanda Larsen, married Richard Jensen, 202 E. Div.,  
 b-27 Sept 1911 Audubon, IA 50025  
 b-24 Sept 1910  
 m-13 June 1932  
 d-14 Aug 1980  
 O-Farming

1. Delbert Dean Jensen, married Elizabeth Ellen Oliver, 209 Poplar,  
 b-26 Dec 1932 Audubon, IA 50025  
 O-Mechanic b-13 Aug 1938  
 m-2 Dec 1955  
 O-Nurses's aide
  - a. Marsha Kay Jensen, 909 N. Crawford, Carroll, IA 51401  
 b-11 Febr 1957  
 O-Owner, Carroll Copy Center & Print Shop
  - b. Vicky Lou Jensen, married Lawrence Christian Sorensen, Hamlin,  
 b-6 Apr 1958 IA 50117  
 O-Typesetter, graphic b-26 Mar 1960  
 artist m-5 Mar 1978  
 O- County survey crew
    - 1). Christopher Dean Sorensen  
 b-10 July 1978
    - 2). Nickolas Lawrence Sorensen  
 b-5 Dec 1980
  - c. Peggy Sue Jensen, 209 Poplar St., Audubon, IA 50025  
 b-6 Apr 1958  
 O-Police Radio Dispatcher
  - d. Jeffrey Richard Jensen, married Linda Marie Fett, Exira, IA  
 b-18 Jan 1960 b-26 Jan 1953  
 O-Police Officer m-21 June 1979  
 O-Bookkeeper
    - 1). Tina Marie Jensen  
 b-28 May 1982
  - c. Kimberly Ann Jensen  
 b-16 Apr 1971
2. Charlotte LaVonne Jensen, married William Dean Weber, Rt. 1,  
 b-2 Jan 1936 Manning, IA 51455  
 b-26 June 1934  
 m-19 Dec 1953  
 O-Farming
  - a. Dennis Dean Weber, married Colleen Rabe, RR, Manning, IA  
 b-27 Apr 1954 b-9 Sept 1955  
 O-Farming m-10 Aug 1974
    - 1). Matthew Weber  
 b-31 Dec 1978
    - 2). Nathan Weber  
 b-26 Mar 1979
    - 3). Scott Weber  
 b-3 Dec 1981
  - b. Denise Ann Weber, married Robin Blocker, Rt. 1, Stockton, MO  
 b-4 Mar 1955 b-4 July 1951  
 m-25 Nov 1978  
 O-Farming
    - 1). Amy Blocker  
 b-1 July 1981

- c. Lori RaNae Weber, married James Ingeman, Audubon, IA 50025  
b-27 June 1958                                b-14 Sept 1953  
O-Secretary                                    m-10 Apr 1982  
  O-Bank Vice-President
    - 1). Sarah Ingeman  
b-10 Jan 1983
  - d. Lana Kay Weber, married Rick Wanninger, Audubon, IA 50025  
b-27 June 1958                                b-6 Nov 1958  
O-Beautician                                    m-12 Nov 1977  
  O-Construction
    - 1). Diane Marie Weber, married William Irlmeier, R.F.D., Coon  
b-9 July 1963    Rapids, IA  
  b-10 Sept 1962  
  m-31 July 1982  
  O-Farming
      - 1). Derek Irlmeier  
b-23 Oct 1982
- B. Gladys Larsen, married Harley Nielsen, 2902 Villa Loma Dr.,  
b-30 Aug 1913    Colorado Springs, CO. 80917  
O-Horticulturist   b-5 Nov 1922  
  m-9 Febr 1947  
  O-Truck Driving Sch. Instructor
- 1. Cynthia Nielsen, married Robert Smith, 1540 18th Ave.  
b-6 Mar 1948    Longmont, Co. 80501  
O-Accredited Records   b-30 Oct 1939  
Tech.   m-27 June 1970  
  O-Mechanic
    - a. Chris Smith  
b-21 July 1971
    - b. Rachel Smith  
b-8 Febr 1976
  - 2. Phillip Nielsen, married Lois Lefeber, 1110 Durant St.,  
b-18 July 1953    Harlan, IA 51537  
O-Truck driver   b-7 May 1953  
  m-21 July 1973  
  O- Western Iowa Pork
    - a. Jason Nielsen  
b-23 Sept 1972
    - b. Jennifer Nielsen  
b-28 Aug 1974
    - c. Jeremy Nielsen  
b-1 Feb 1977
    - d. Joshua Nielsen  
b-10 Jan 1980
- C. Irene Larsen, 308 S. Division, Audubon, IA 50025  
b-17 Aug 1914  
O-Nurses' Aide

- D. Russell Larsen, married Betty Allen, Rt. 1, Gray, IA 50110  
 b- 1915 b-  
 O- m- 1942
1. Douglas Allen Larsen, married Virginia Goudie, Des Moines, IA  
 b-8 Mar 1945 b-  
 O-Bell Telephone m-  
 a. Shanda Rane Larsen  
 b. Tara Marie Larsen
2. Roger Dean Larsen, married Phyllis Lauritsen, Gray, IA  
 b-8 July 1947 b-  
 O-Farming m-  
 a. Randall Dean Larsen  
 b. Kayleen Mae Larsen  
 c. Scott Allen Larsen
3. Ronald Reed Larsen, married Kathy Tecek, Omaha, NB  
 b-30 Oct 1951 b-  
 O-Chemical Co. m-  
 a. Todd C. Larsen  
 b. Corey Reed Larsen
- E. Leota Larsen, married Dale Fritz  
 b-16 Sept 1917 b-5 Oct 1917  
 d-2 July 1981 m-17 Mar 1947  
 buried- Fontanelle, IA O-Farming
1. Janice Fritz, married Dan Follmann, Rt. 1, Box 43,  
 b-1 Febr 1948 Massena, IA 50853  
 b-25 Mar 1947  
 m-26 June 1970  
 O-Farming  
 a. Brian Follmann  
 b-20 Jan 1974  
 b. Dana Follmann  
 b-22 Mar 1975  
 c. Dustin Follmann  
 b-4 July 1983
- F. Elaine Larsen, married Alfred Erickson, 508 E. Wash. St.,  
 b-26 Apr 1920 Exira, IA 50076  
 O-Medical Ass't. b-17 Sept 1918  
 m-24 Mar 1946  
 O-Retired  
 1. Carol Erickson, married David M. Petersen  
 b-22 Sept 1946 b-29 Sept 1946  
 m-26 Dec 1965  
 O-Sales Mgr.



- a. Bret D. Petersen  
b-12 June 1966
- b. Jan D. Petersen  
b-13 July 1967
- c. Shannon L. Petersen  
b-26 Sept 1970
- 2. David G. Erickson, married M.Deane Guy  
b-25 Apr 1950 b-8 Jan 1952  
O-Farming m-5 Mar 1977
  - a. Megan Jill Erickson  
b-29 June 1981
- 3. Steven A. Erickson  
b-31 May 1955  
O-Farming
- 4. Malia J. Erickson, married Christopher (dissolved)  
b-20 Dec 1959  
O-Line-checker for Publishing Co.
  - a. Joseph Christopher  
b-19 Oct 1982
- G. Audrey Larsen, married Jack Twist, 6257 Lawton Ave.,  
b-30 Apr 1922 Las Vegas, NV 89107  
b-23 Sept 1920  
m-2 June 1946  
O-Construction (Retired)
- H. Lyle Larsen, married Erma Christensen, Rt. 1, Brayton,  
b-29 Sept 1925 IA 50042  
O-Purin Feed Co. b-23 June 1927  
m-29 Aug 1948  
O-Sales Clerk
  - 1. Linda Marie Larsen, married Jim Ray Headlee  
b-9 Sept 1949 b-2 May 1948  
O-Homemaker & High School m-8 May 1971  
Sec. O-Construction
    - a. Chad Ryan Headlee  
b-9 Apr 1974
    - b. Jaime Lynn Headlee  
b-9 Nov 1976
  - 2. Krista Kay Larsen  
b-21 Dec 1952  
O-Sec. Nebr. Meth. Hospital
  - 3. Michael Ray Larsen, married Nancy Lee Grauer  
b-7 Sept 1957 b-28 Sept 1951  
O-Mechanic m-22 Sept 1973  
O-Homemaker & L.P.N.

- a. Lisa Renee Larsen  
b-22 May 1976
  - b. Kevin Paul Larsen  
b-20 Nov 1979
  - c. Craig Michael Larsen  
b-23 Apr 1981
4. Curtis Christian Larsen  
b-2 Aug 1965  
O-Student

III. PAUL CHRISTIAN (CHRIS) ESBECK, married Ida Thygesen, Audubon, IA  
b-28 Sept. 1890, farm E. of Kimballton b-15 Oct 1893  
d-8 Oct 1980, Thomas Rest Raven, m-26 Mar 1913, Bethany Luth. Ch.  
Coon Rapids, IA  
buried- Maple Grove Cemetery, Audubon

Chris attended schools south of Kimballton and Elk Horn Lutheran College. The couple farmed near Kimballton and Audubon. Later Chris operated a gasoline and produce truck in Audubon and the Victory Cafe prior to retirement. In 1965 they moved to Audubon and the Audubon Friendship Home in December of 1979.

- A. Leona Esbeck, married Hans Christensen, 508 South Division  
b-14 Mar 1914, Audubon Co. Audubon, IA 50025  
b-12 Oct 1918  
m-28 Jan 1941
1. Janice Christensen, married James R. Conn, Lewis, IA  
b-17 June 1942 b-11 Febr 1940  
O-Reg. Nurse m-22 Oct 1963  
O-D. O. T.
- a. Joel Conn  
b-7 Nov 1964
  - b. Janine Conn  
b-7 June 1966
- B. Velma Esbeck, married Ralph Westphalen, Rt. 3, Atlantic,  
b-13 May 1916, Audubon Co. IA 50022  
b-14 Nov 1916  
m-7 Nov 1938  
O-Farming
1. Charles Westphalen, married Marcia Nelson, Atlantic, IA  
b-29 June 1939 b-23 May 1941  
O-Salesman m-9 Dec 1961
- a. Bryan Westphalen (adopted) b-7 Jan 1967
2. Ronald Westphalen, married Darlene Thomson, Grand Island, NB  
b-11 Oct 1942 b-7 Nov 1946  
O-Salesman m-15 July 19
- a. Sherri Westphalen  
b-7 Oct 1967
  - b. Rikki Westphalen  
b-11 May 1970
  - c. Kammi Westphalen  
b-19 June 1972
  - d. Brenda Jo Westphalen  
b-8 Dec 1981

C. Selma Esbeck, Audubon, Iowa 50025  
b-13 Sept 1917, Audubon Co.  
never married

D. Beulah Esbeck, married Charles Hook, Fairfield, IA  
b-25 Mar 1923 b-3 July 1925  
m-25 July 1971

1. Larry Hook, married Dalene Sharts, Brighton, IA  
b-29 Aug 1946 b-5 Jan 1949  
O-Factory Mgr. m-11 June 1967

a. Dena Hook  
b-22 Apr 1968

b. Leslie Hook  
b-30 Mar 1969

c. Jared Hook  
b-18 Jan 1977

IV. NELS PETER (PETE) ESBECK, married Clara Hansen  
b-9 Mar 1892, farm E. of b-10 Mar 1894 (Clara is a sister of  
Kimballton m-4 Nov 1914 Trena Esbeck)  
d-12 Jan 1969 d-18 Jan 1966  
O-Farming & Trucking

A. Dorothy Marie Esbeck, married Leonard Richard Nelson, Rt. 1, Elk  
b-28 June 1918 Horn, IA 51531

b-5 Nov 1913  
m-14 Aug 1935  
O-Farming (Retired)

1. Laverne Richard Nelson, married Marilyn Ruth Baker, Marne, IA  
b-12 Aug 1936 b-15 Febr 1942  
m-6 Aug 1961  
O-Farming

a. Cheri Lynn Nelson  
b-15 Apr 1963  
Attending Dana College

b. Leland Richard Nelson  
b-6 Nov 1964  
Recent graduate of Elk Horn High School

c. Paul Bradley Nelson  
b-17 July 1969  
8th grade

d. Nancy Beth Nelson  
b-23 Oct 1977

B. Mildred Virginia Esbeck, married Melvin Stoldorf, Stanton, IA  
b-2 Mar 1922 b-30 May 1910

m-15 Mar 1946  
O-Farming (Retired)

1. Marilyn Stoldorf, married Jesse Brown, Omaha, NB  
b-7 Mar 1947 b-  
m- June 1968

a. Lynda Sue Brown  
b-4 Nov 1970

b- Scott Allen Brown  
b-5 Sept 1972

2. Margaret Stoldorf, married Omaha, NB  
b-9 June 1950
- C. Robert Esbeck, married Patricia Petersen, Elk Horn, Ia. 51531  
b-29 June 1929 b-  
O- Currently Janitor, m-27 Nov 1976  
Elk Horn Luth. Ch. 1st m-13 Sept 1953 to Betty Knudsen  
dissolved 1973
1. Dale Robert Esbeck, married Margaret Nupp  
b-18 July 1954 b-  
O-Farm hand & m- Febr 1978  
Menhanic
2. Rodney Nels Esbeck  
b-20 Aug 1957  
O-Farm hand
- V. CHRISTENA VICTORIA (STENA) ESBECK, married Nicholas (Nick) Petersen  
b-2 Febr 1896, farm east of b- 1898  
Kimballton m-  
d- 1972  
d-11 May 1968 O-Farming & Trucking  
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery  
no children

PETER N. ESBECK FAMILY



Back row: Pete Rosa Marie Chris

Front row: Martha Stena Peter N. 1905

PART IV. BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LARS N. ESBECK

MARTIN N. ESBECK eighth child and sixth son of Metta Marie  
and Niels Jensen Esbeck

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CHILDREN:

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- VI. Esther Selvine Esbeck - page 189
- VII. Leonard Esbeck - page 189
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- IX. Elmer Esbeck - pages 189 & 190
- X. Grace Esbeck Ortner - page 190



## DESCENDANTS OF MARTIN N. ESBECK

Martin N. Esbeck was born July 18, 1852 on the Esbeck farm near Brovst, Jutland, Denmark. Martin was the eighth and youngest child born to Niels Jensen Esbeck and Metta Marie Poulsdatter and came with his family to USA in February of 1868 at the age of 15.

His parents homesteaded on a farm in Bear Grove Township, Guthrie County, Iowa one year after their arrival in the states.

After leaving his farm home in Guthrie County, Martin spent from 1872 to 1878 prospecting in Colorado. He returned to Iowa in 1878 and started farming in Sharon Township, Audubon County, Iowa. March 6, 1883 he married Elsie Marie Christensen. They lived two years on the farm in Sharon Township and then moved to Audubon, Iowa where Martin was employed by a McFarland, who was in the implement business. In 1888 the family moved to Kimballton where Martin erected a hardware store. The same building is being used today, still selling hardware, with a change of ownership.

Martin's hardware store was robbed by three horse thieves who were killed west of Elk Horn. They had stolen all the guns in the store. Martin was in the hardware store business for 22 years.

In 1909, Martin disposed of his hardware store and embarked in the automobile business. This was the time the early horseless vehicles were just coming into use, but Martin foresaw their future importance and determined to be a pioneer dealer. He spent the last twenty years of his life in this business, gradually turning it over to his sons, who were already firmly established in the business.

Martin painted the barn sign "Wm Esbeck and Sons Highland Hereford Farm" for Willie Esbeck for \$35.

The Elk Horn Review published a story written by Martin - September 9, 1926, January 13, 1927, and February 24, 1927. The articles were published in Denmark in a book authored by Anton Kvist. The book contained articles written by Danes who had emigrated to the United States of America. A copy of the September 9, 1926 article can be found in the Newspaper clipping section of this book.



Left to right:

Back row- Edith, John, Ed, Laurena,  
Mabel, Esther

Front row- Leonard, Martin, Elmer,  
Elsie, Grace

Taken about 1910

MARTIN N. ESBECK FAMILY

MARTIN N. ESBECK, married

b-18 July 1852, Brovst, Denmark  
 d-2 Apr 1931, Kimballton, IA  
 buried- both Kimballton Cemetery

ELSIE MARIE CHRISTENSEN

b-15 Jan 1865  
 m-6 Mar 1883  
 d-7 Nov 1925, Kimballton, IA

## CHILDREN:



Left to right:

Back row- Elmer, Grace, Leonard,  
 Esther, Mabel, Ed

Front row- Laurena, John, Edith

Taken about 1935

I. JOHN N. ESBECK, married

b-24 Mar 1884, Audubon Co., IA  
 d-15 May 1946  
 O-Chevrolet Dealer, Elk Horn, IA  
 buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery

## Frederika Larsen

b-30 Oct 1888  
 m- 6 Sept 1911  
 d-14 Jan 1979, Elk Horn, IA



JOHN - 1910

John N. Esbeck was born in Sharon Township and moved with his parents to Audubon and later to Kimballton. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He attended a public school that was located outside of Kimballton. September 6, 1911 he married Frederika Larsen and they resided in Atlantic for one year where John was engaged in the automobile business. In 1913 they moved to Elk Horn where John started his own automobile business, servicing two cylinder, chain driven, and other earlier models. John was in the automobile business 33 years. He was in poor health a year prior to his death in 1946. His death was due to over work and worry during the war, as he sought to keep the business going alone while his sons were in service.

Sons, Robert, Lester, and Howard have continued in their father's Chevrolet automobile business. In recent years they have added television and household appliances to their sale and service business.

- A. Robert Esbeck, married Vita Hansen, Elk Horn, IA 51531  
 b-4 Febr 1913, Elk Horn, IA b-19 Oct 1919  
 O-Chevrolet Dealer m-7 Oct 1940  
 d-15 Apr 1982, Elk Horn, IA  
 buried- Elk Horn Cemetery
- Adopted four Children:
1. Sharon Lee Esbeck m-Rolf Stierle  
 b-22 Mar 1946 divorced
    - a. Sonya Marie Stierle  
 b-6 Nov 1968
    - b. Nicole Lee Stierle  
 b-1 Aug 1972
  2. Sanda Kay Esbeck, married Dale Wright, Kimballton, IA 51543  
 b-11 Oct 1952 b-26 Nov 1944  
 m-4 Sept 1968  
 O-Truck driver
    - a. Dale Robert Wright  
 b-29 Jan 1967
    - b. Duke Jordan Wright  
 b-29 Dec 1968
    - c. Dawn Celeste Wright  
 b-24 Mar 1971
    - d. Michelle Ann Wright  
 b-20 Jan 1975
  3. Vince Dean Esbeck\*  
 b-10 Apr 1963  
 O-Attending College
  4. Lucinda Esbeck\*, married Larry Swanson, Elk Horn, IA 51531  
 b-19 Oct 1964 b-25 Sept 1951  
 m-28 Dec 1982  
 O-Construction
    - a. Jesse Richard Swanson  
 b-23 Febr 1983
- \*Vince Dean and Lucinda are brother and sister
- B. Lester Esbeck, married Marcella Moelke, Elk Horn, IA 51531  
 b-12 May 1916, Elk Horn, IA b-10 Mar 1916  
 O-Appliance Dealer m-24 Sept 1954
1. Cherie Sue Esbeck, married Mark Hensley, Crescent, IA  
 b-6 Apr 1955 b-  
 m-  
 O-Masters in Psy. U. of NB  
 Employed with U. of NB
- (Marcella - two children from an earlier marriage, Barbara Brink and Gary Brink)
- C. Howard Esbeck, Elk Horn, IA 51531  
 b-9 Nov 1917, Elk Horn, IA  
 not married  
 O-Auto Mechanic

11. EDITH DORTHEA ESBECK , married  
 b-1 Febr 1886, Audubon County, Ia.  
 d- 1935



CONRAD AND EDITH NIELSEN

Conrad Nielsen  
 b-22 Sept 1885, Valsted, Denmark  
 m-12 June 1912  
 d-16 Sept 1966  
 O-Worked at Kimballton Light Plant  
 and was a pump and windmill man  
 for Bonnesen's Square Deal Hard-  
 ware store.

(Parents - Christian Madsen and  
 Karen Helene Christiana Corfit-  
 sen Nielsen)

- A. Hazel Nielsen, married  
 b-23 June 1913  
 O-Records Mgr.

Joseph Hyland, 2428 Fontenelle Blvd.,  
 Omaha, NB 68104

b-8 Febr 1913  
 m-12 June 1934  
 O-Ass't. Mgr. Better Business Bureau

1. Patrick Hyland, Texas  
 b-6 Jan 1935
2. Robert Conrad Hyland, Omaha, NB  
 b-5 Aug 1936

- B. Dorothy Nielsen, married  
 b-

Thomas Blaylock, 4752 Aberdeen Ct.  
 Carlsbad, Co. 92008

b-  
 m-

- a. Thomas Blaylock, Jr., California  
 b-
- b. Georgia Blaylock, California  
 b-
- c. Conrad Blaylock, Boulder, Colorado  
 b-

111. LAURENA EMILIA ESBECK, married  
 b-21 Dec 1888, Audubon Co., Ia.  
 d-5 Nov 1962, Watsonville, CA.

Robert L. Harriman  
 b-3 Febr 1888, Baton Rouge, La.  
 m-31 Aug 1915  
 d-  
 O-U. S. Army

- A. Robert L. Harriman, Jr., 809 Westmoor Dr., Sioux Falls, S. D. 57104  
 b-11 July 1916  
 O-U. S. Army (Retired)

m-to Irene  
 divorced  
 3 daughters- Patty, Nancy, and Sandy  
 1 stepson- Walter

2nd m-to Pat  
 1 daughter- Sally and 1 stepdaughter,  
 Nancy

- B. Donald E. Harriman, married Reta , Mesa, CO  
 b-3 Dec 1917 b-  
 O-U.S. Govt. (Retired) m-
- 3 sons: Don, Bob, and Brian  
 1 daughter: Ellen
- C. Betty Harriman, 1040 38th Ave., Space 6, Santa Cruz, CA 95062  
 b-26 Aug 1921 1st husband, Knox, died in World War II  
 2nd husband, Harrell, divorced  
 3rd husband, Jensen, divorced  
 4th husband, Dillard, died in a fish-  
 ing accident
- 1 daughter, Linda - first husband  
 2 sons- David and Bob and 2 daughters- Wanda and Laurie, second  
 husband
- D. Virginia Harriman, Fresno, CA  
 b-20 June 1923 married twice- Beard and Cowl  
 divorced from both
- six children from first marriage:  
 2 sons- Richard and Charles Jr.  
 4 daughters-Dorothy, Suzanne, Sharon, and Mary
- E. Margaret (Peggy) Harriman, married Melbourn R. Booth, 537 Buena  
 b-10 May 1926, Omaha, NB Vista Dr., Watsonville, CA 95076  
 b-29 Aug 1925  
 m-29 Oct 1946  
 O-Baker
- children: Nancy, Linda, and Michael
- IV. EDWARD THEODORE (ED) ESBECK, married Gudrun Marie Soe, Kimballton, IA  
 b-20 Oct 1890, Kimballton, IA b-8 July 1899, farm 5 mile<sup>51543</sup>  
 d-7 Aug 1963, Kimballton, IA east of Kimballton  
 O-Chevrolet Dealer m-27 Apr 1930  
 buried- Kimballton Cemetery

Edward T. Esbeck lived most of his life in Kimballton, taking an active part in community life to promote a better town. He served on many civic and county boards and was a member of the Audubon Masonic Lodge. He served on church and school boards and was an official of the Marne-Elk Horn Telephone Co. for several years.

During World War I, he served in France with the Expeditionary Force and after the Armistice, with the Army of Occupation in Germany. He was a charter member and served as the first Commander of the American Legion of Kimballton.

Returning home he enter into business with his father, who was the first dealer of automobiles in Kimballton. Soon after this he went into business with Jens West, known as West and Esbeck. They sold cars, tractors, threshers, radios, appliances, and in 1952 added television. Jens West retired in 1947 due to poor health.



This ended their 29 year partnership. The business changed its name to Esbeck Chevrolet Company and Ed's brother Elmer (Shorty) Esbeck joined the company. They sold Chevrolet cars for over 25 years. Elmer passed away in 1948. In 1958, Ed sold the business. He had been in the auto business for 47 years.



Back row: David, Edward, Janet  
Front row: Ed T., Scott, Grudrun  
(1962) holding Jill



Karen Esbeck (daughter of Edward)  
(1972)

- A. Edward Soe Esbeck, Seattle, Washington  
b- 6 Dec 1932, Kimballton, IA  
O-Professor of Organizational Behavior, at Central Wash. U. m-30 June 1957 to Janet Marie Thuesen dissolved
1. Edward Scott Esbeck, Cedar Falls, IA  
b-9 June 1956, Kimballton, IA
  2. Jill Esbeck  
b-29 Aug 1960, Iowa City, IA  
Recent College Graduate, Southern IL Univ.
  3. Karen Esbeck  
b-3 June 1964, St Cloud, MN  
Student at Mary Washington College
- B. David Martin Esbeck, 1734 N. W. 78th St. Des Moines, IA 40311  
b-6 Apr 1939, Kimballton, IA  
not married  
O-Director and Manager, Ingersoll Dinner Theater, Des Moines, IA

- V. MABEL ADINE ESBECK, married Alvin Ashton  
b-5 Jan 1893, Kimballton, IA b-  
d- June 1976 m-  
buried- Denver Cemetery O-  
no children  
Mabel was living at Watsonville, CA at the time of her death. Other residences: Butte, Montana and Sioux City, Iowa

- VI. ESTHER SELVINE ESBECK  
 b-9 Apr 1896, Kimballton, IA  
 d-14 Apr 1896, Kimballton, IA  
 buried- Kimballton Cemetery
- VII. LEONARD ESBECK, married  
 b-7 Apr 1897, Kimballton, IA  
 d-19 Oct 1951  
 O-Electrician  
 buried- Crown Hill Cemetery,  
 Denver, CO
- Gloria F. (Sandy) Santistevan  
 b-1 Jan 1905  
 m-7 Apr 1932  
 2nd m-14 Aug 1962 to Clifford Seaton Chinn  
 d-14 Dec 1972  
 Current Res. for Gloria Chinn:  
 5204 Monroe Ave., San Diego, CA 92115
- A. Leonard J. Esbeck, Jr., married 1. Elizabeth (Betty) Chamberlain  
 b-17 Apr 1936 b-24 Febr 1937  
 O-Retired, Lt. Comdr., U. S. Navy, m-18 Dec 1954  
 (30 June 1983) d-7 Apr 1976, Car accident
- Res. 10196 Aviary Dr. San Diego, CA 92131
2. Lenjr  
 m-14 Aug 1978
1. Elaine Esbeck  
 b-12 Sept 1956  
 O-Artist
2. Molly Esbeck  
 b-2 July 1966
3. John Esbeck  
 b-22 July 1968
- VIII. ESTHER LONA ESBECK, married  
 b-14 Jan 1900, Kimballton, IA  
 d-9 Dec 1969  
 buried-
1. Martin Swanson
2. Hans Hansen
- no children
- IX. ELMER (SHORTY) HAROLD ESBECK, married Sylvia Schmidt  
 b- 17 Sept 1902, Kimballton, IA b-  
 d-12 Febr 1948, Kimballton, Ia m- 1941  
 buried- Kimballton Cemetery (Sylvia married Svend Anderson, 1958)  
 O-Chevrolet Dealer d- Dec 1978

Elmer Esbeck married Sylvia Schmidt in 1941. After their marriage they lived on Main Street of Kimballton in the Martin Esbeck home. Shorty worked with his brother Ed at the Esbeck Garage.

Shorty was a scout leader for many years. Next to his family, the great love of his life was baseball. His nickname, "Shorty" came from his 6' 5" height. As he pitched, he was an awesome figure on the baseball mound. He was a talented player and was thought, by many, to be "Major League" material.

Shorty had rheumatic fever as a child and his heart had been permanently damaged. Following a period of ill health, he died in February, 1948.



ELMER ESBECK FAMILY 1948

Left to right: Elmer, Jim, Ellen, Sylvia

- A. James (Jim) Esbeck, married Judy , 1041 W. Cool Dr. Tucson,  
 b- 1944 Arizona 85704  
 O-Jet Mechanic, working as a b-  
 Civil Service employee for m-  
 the Arizona Air National O-Accountant for a Mining Firm  
 Guard
1. Ruth , married Randy  
 b- b-  
 m-
- They have 2 children
- B. Ellen Esbeck, married Chris Anderson  
 b- 1946 b-  
 O-Employed at the Colonial Inn, m-  
 Walnut, IA dissolved
1. David Anderson  
 b- 1980
- X. GRACE MARIE ESBECK, married Al Ortner  
 b-1 Nov 1904, Kimballton, IA b-  
 d-20 Mar 1978 m-  
 Res.-Freedom, CA d-10 Dec 1971  
 no children

**PART V. BROTHERS AND SISTER OF CHRISTINA SORENSEN ESBECK**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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## FIRST RECORDED GENERATION - SORENSEN

PARENTS UNKNOWN

CHILDRENSPOUSESANDERS SORENSENb-9 Aug 1820, Swenstrup, Jutland,  
Denmarkd-4 Mar 1907, at home of son, Drace  
(farm 3 miles east of Elk Horn)  
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery

O-Carpentry &amp; Farming

ANE KJARSTINE JENSENb-21 May 1832, Klithuse Pr Tranum,  
Jutland, Denmark

m- Denmark

d-4 Dec 1912, at home of son, Drace  
(farm 3 miles east of Elk Horn)SOREN C. SORENSENb-15 Mar 1837, Swenstrup, Jutland,  
Denmarkd-22 June 1908, Near Exira, IA  
buried- both Elk Horn CemeteryCHRISTINA

b- 1840, Denmark

m- , Denmark

d- 1881



ANDERS AND ANE KJARSTINE SORENSEN AND FAMILY

PASS-PORT PICTURE

Immigrated to USA 1869



JOHN, ANDERS, CHRISTINA, ANE KJARSTINE, ANNA KRISTINE

DRACE

BABY\*

↓  
(Grandma Esbeck)

\*Baby died second or third day at sea coming to USA

ANDERS AND ANE KJARSTINE (JENSEN) SORENSEN



parents of: Christina Sorensen Esbeck (Mrs. Lars N. Esbeck)  
Anna Kristine Sorensen (Mrs Carl Nelson)  
John Sorensen (Sornson)  
Drace Sorensen (Sornson)

## SECOND RECORDED GENERATION - SORENSEN

ANDERS SORENSEN

b-9 Aug 1820, Swenstrup, Jutland,  
Denmark  
d-4 Mar 1907, at home of son, Drace  
(farm 3 miles east of Elk Horn)  
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery  
O-Carpentry & Farming

ANE KJARSTINE JENSEN

b-21 May 1832, Klithuse Pr Tranum,  
Jutland, Denmark  
m- , Denmark  
d-4 Dec 1912, at home of son, Drace  
(farm 3 miles east of Elk Horn)

CHILDRENSPOUSESKJERSTINE MARIE (CHRISTINA) SORENSEN

b-2 Oct 1855, Swenstrup, Jutland,  
Denmark  
d-28 July 1926, at home in Elk Horn  
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery

LARS N. ESBECK

b-1 Nov 1848, Brovst, Jutland,  
Denmark  
m-19 July 1874, Atlantic, IA\*\*  
d-6 Oct 1946, at home of daughter,  
Sena Esbeck Mardesen  
O-Farming

ANNA KRISTINE SORENSEN

b-24 Febr 1858, Swenstrup, Jutland,  
Denmark  
d- May 1950, Lincoln, NB  
buried- both Seventh-day Adventist  
Cemetery, Exira, IA

CHARLES FREDRICK (CARL) NELSON

b-14 Sept 1850, near Copenhagen,  
Denmark  
m-19 July 1874, Atlantic, IA\*\*  
d-18 Sept 1933, near Exira, IA  
O-Farming

JOHN SORENSEN

b-10 Apr 1859, Swenstrup, Jutland,  
Denmark  
d-6 Febr 1933  
O-Farming  
buried- both Atlantic Cemetery

MARY (MARIE) E. CHRISTENSEN

b-10 June 1865  
m-2 Febr 1885  
d-4 Sept 1928

ANDREAS (DRACE) SORENSEN

b-22 July 1865, Swenstrup,  
Jutland, Denmark  
d-28 Aug 1928, at home 3 miles  
east of Elk Horn  
O-Farming  
buried- Elk Horn Cemetery

1. ANNA LAURSEN  
b-19 Febr 1861, Denmark  
m-18 Dec 1885  
d-23 Apr 1898, buried Elk Horn  
Cemetery
2. BERTHA MARIE CHRISTENSEN  
b-7 Mar 1876, Denmark  
m-25 Aug 1899  
d-6 Apr 1918, buried Elk Horn  
Cemetery
3. CHARLOTTE ALBERTSEN  
b-1 July 1878, Denmark  
m-22 July 1920, Denmark  
d- Dec 1958

\*\*Double Wedding

PART V. BROTHERS AND SISTER OF CHRISTINA SORENSEN ESBECK

ANNA KRISTINE SORENSEN (NELSON) second child and second daughter  
of Anders and Ane Kjarstine Sorensen

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CHILDREN:

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- VII. Dena Martha Nelson-Leach-Iverson - page 203
- VIII. Agnes Gussie Nelson Wall - pages 203 & 204
- ! IX. Joshua Nelson - page 204

## DESCENDANTS OF ANNA KRISTINE SORENSEN\*

Anna Kristine Sorensen married Charles Fredrick (Carl) Nelson on July 19, 1874 the same day that her sister Christina Sorensen married Lars N. Esbeck. This was a double wedding at Atlantic, Iowa (the church records were burned in a fire). Both couples lived to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They took a trip to Denver, Colorado together to celebrate their 50th anniversary.



Left- Lars and Christina; Right- Carl and Anna 1924

Carl Nelson made the first Merry-go-round in the USA and Anna helped by carving the horses. It was horse powered. It was exhibited on the 4th of July in Exira (about 1880). Anna's job was to keep the boys from jumping on for a ride. Carl had seen a Merry-go-round in Hamburg, Germany when he went back to Denmark to get his parents. He and a friend from Denmark worked on it together. They later sold it to a New York firm.

Carl had come to America when he was 19. He already had family here. Anna was 11 years old when she came to America with her family. She was afraid they would be blown off course, ship wrecked and eaten by cannibals.

Anna worked in Council Bluffs as a girl, babysitting for 50¢ a week. She was an artist, everything she did was very good. In later years she made paper flowers and whenever anyone came to visit her they always went away with a paper flower.

\*Taken from Gail Nelson Gardner's compiled information on the "History of The Nelson Family". Gail's address: Box 460 Rt. 4, Park Rapids, MN 56470



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nelson were Seventh-day Adventists. They studied with neighbors and kept the Sabbath quite a while before they were baptized. They had to wait until a visiting Minister came before they could be baptized.

There son Walter was the smallest of the babies in the family. In adult life he was sick for some time. His wife Eunice made raisin cookies to sell for extra income. A nephew Wendell Wall wrote a poem about Eunice's cookies. Walter currently is living in the Elk Horn Retirement Home and was 100 years old on June 28, 1983.

During the depression, Walter and Eunice moved to Lincoln, Nebraska and worked with brother Mark painting and paper hanging until they got their acreage at Exira, Iowa paid.

The first family car was a "Reo" that Mark and Walter bought while they lived at home on the farm.

Mark and Walter were both great talkers and checker players. They started playing checkers at home, then Mark went to the "Y" to play. He could play 12 boards at one time. He was a Champion checker player.

Mark and Agnes were good piano players and played the piano at church.

ANNA KRISTINE SORENSEN, married  
b-24 Febr 1858, Swenstrup, Jutland, DK  
d- May 1950, Lincoln, NB  
buried- both Seventh-day Adventist  
Cemetery, Exira, IA

CHARLES FREDRICK (CARL) NELSON  
b-14 Sept 1850, near Copenhagen, DK  
m-19 July 1874, Atlantic, IA  
d-18 Sept 1933, near Exira, IA  
O-Farming

#### CHILDREN:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <p>I. <u>ANDREW CHRISTIAN NELSON</u>, married<br/>b-8 July 1876, Cass Co., IA<br/>d-12 Aug 1967, Omaha, NB<br/>buried- Forest Lawn Cemetery,<br/>Omaha, NB</p> | <p>1. Minnie May Blair<br/>b-27 Oct 1875<br/>m- dissolved</p> <p>2. Fern dissolved</p> <p>3. Fannie Albina Theresa Baker<br/>b-3 Nov 1897<br/>m-31 Dec 1924, dissolved</p> <p>4. Mary</p> |
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Children's mother was Minnie May Blair

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <p>A. <u>Floyd Carl Nelson</u>, married<br/>b-30 Mar 1906, Lincoln, NB</p> <p>1. Jack Nelson, married<br/>b-28 Febr 1937, Omaha,<br/>NB</p> | <p>Hazel Fay Haney<br/>b-22 July 1908, Omaha, NB<br/>m-24 June 1931, Omaha, NB</p> <p>1. Joan Hamilton, dissolved<br/>2. Beverly Konecky, dissolved<br/>3. Betty Coffee*, dissolved<br/>4. Cathy Denton<br/>m-18 Nov 1977</p> |
|---|---|

- a. Angie Nelson\*  
b-26 July 1975, San Diego, CA  
(asterisk denotes mother)

- B. Loren Milton Nelson, married 1. Marva Sorenson\*, dissolved  
 b-5 May 1901, Harlan, IA 2. Kathleen Blanche Rawle\*\*  
 d-12 Aug 1975, Honolulu, HA b-5 Dec 1905, England  
 buried- at sea m-14 Mar 1925, Salt Lake City, UT  
 dissolved  
 3. Nancy Shizuko Matsumoto\*\*\*  
 b-15 Dec 1908  
 m-28 Jan 1935, Mexico
1. Richard Nelson\*
  2. Loren Milton Nelson, Jr\*\*  
 b-12 Apr 1927, Lincoln, NB  
 d- Jan 1977
  3. Floyd Blair Nelson\*\*, married Elissa Jeannette Iutuck  
 b-13 Nov 1930, Salt Lake City, UT b-15 Apr 1931, Nome, Alaska  
 m-4 July 1951, Rena, NV
    - a. Elissa Kathleen Nelson, married Michael Gomsrud  
 b-2 Apr 1952, Cape Charles, VA
      - 1). Blair Paul Gomsrud  
 b-9 Oct 1977, Tacoma WA
      - 2). Brett Michael Gomsrud  
 b-31 Aug 1981, Tacoma, WA
    - b. David Gary Nelson  
 b- 16 Jan 1955, Tacoma, WA
  4. Barbara Jean Nelson\*\*\* married Bill Kirker  
 b- Honolulu, Hawaii
  5. Loren Nelson, Jr\*\*\*

II. ANTON JOHN NELSON

b-11 Dec 1878, Atlantic, IA  
 never married  
 d- 1905, near Exira, IA  
 buried- Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery, Exira, IA

III. HARRY JOHN NELSON, married

b-11 Febr 1881  
 d-6 Apr 1966

Myrtle Green

A. Milo Austin Nelson, married  
 b-11 Apr 1907, Hartford, KS  
 d-19 Mar 1967, Hutchinson, KS

Elma Frederick  
 m-24 June 1928

1. Fonda Nelson, married

Robert Hooper

2. Ronald Nelson, married

dissolved

Twins

3. Donald Nelson, married

dissolved

B. Harry Lee Nelson, married  
 b-16 Apr 1920

1.  
 2.

IV. WALTER FRED NELSON, married

b-28 June 1883, Cass Co., IA

Eunice Phillips

b-26 Sept 1894

m-21 Apr 1915, Guthrie Co., IA

d-19 Mar 1981, Exira, IA

buried- Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery, Exira, IA

- V. MARK WILLIE NELSON, married Ellen Dahl Frederiksen  
 b-16 Apr 1886, Audubon Co., near Elk Horn, IA b-23 Dec 1894, Clinton, IA  
 d-10 Sept 1950, Lincoln, NB m-29 May 1918, Atlantic, IA  
 buried- College View Cemetery, Lincoln, NB
- A. Norma Evelyn Nelson, married 1. Keith O. Ennen  
 b-7 Jan 1919, Lincoln, NB b-6 Oct 1917  
 m-16 May 1940, Geneva, NB dissolved  
 d-25 Dec 1977, CA
2. Romain Violette  
 b-18 Oct 1912  
 m-12 Aug 1976, Las Vegas, NV
1. Judy Ennen, married Kenneth Conner  
 b-21 Mar 1944, Long Beach, CA b-18 Nov 1940, Lexington, NB  
 m-21 Aug 1966, Long Beach, CA
- a. Wendy A. Conner  
 b-27 Apr 1971
- b. Erin Conner  
 b-13 June 1974
2. Stacy John Ennen, married Angela Muscaccio  
 b-4 Febr 1952, Long Beach, CA b-22 June 1951, Minneapolis, MN  
 m-28 Apr 1974, Las Vegas, NV
- a. Matthew Keith Ennen  
 b-18 Apr 1979, Las Vegas, NV
- B. Marvin Dale Nelson, married Patricia Joan Pingent  
 b-7 Mar 1921, Lincoln, NB b-12 Nov 1930, Boulder, CO  
 m-20 June 1950, Nashville, TN  
 dissolved
1. Gail Jo Nelson, married Carson Timothy Gardner  
 b-2 Oct 1951, Hastings, NB b-1 July 1952, St Paul, MN  
 m-5 June 1974, Minneapolis, MN
2. Marvin Dale Nelson, Jr., married Linda Olson  
 b-16 June 1954, Hastings, NB  
 m- 1975, Redlands, CA dissolved
3. Stephen Michael Nelson  
 b-23 Dec 1955, Hastings, NB
- C. Inogene Lois (Jeanne) Nelson, married Truman Leon Shoun  
 b-24 Apr 1923 b-12 Mar 1915  
 m-9 May 1942, La Follette, TN
1. Linda Shoun, married Howard Noel  
 b-5 May 1947, Baltimore, MD dissolved
- a. Robyn Lynn Noel  
 b-25 Apr 1969, Knoxville, TN
- b. Randle Leon Noel  
 b-26 May 1973, Knoxville, TN
2. Dianna Shoun, married 1. Fred Monday Davis, dissolved  
 b-22 May 1951, Knoxville, TN 2. Bob Wilson  
 TN m-1 May 1983

- a. Freddie Monday Davis  
b-4 Sept 1970, Biloxie, MS

- D. Richard Lee Nelson, married 1. Janet Sherrard\*  
b-30 Sept 1930, Lincoln, NB m-19 June 1954, Lincoln, NB dissolved
2. Rosemary Richards  
m-1 Apr 1966, Inglewood, CA dissolved
3. Betty Redman  
m-28 Oct 1970, Denver, CO dissolved
4. Jeanne M. Craig  
m-1 Jan 1972, Denver, CO
1. Kerry Lee Whitehead (Nee Nelson)\*, married Norby  
b-24 Mar 1955, Lincoln, NB
2. Tracy Lee Whitehead (Nee Nelson)\*  
b-2 June 1956, Phoenix, Ariz.
- (asterisk denotes mother)

- VI. REBECCA MATENA (TENA) NELSON  
b- 1888, near Elk Horn, IA  
d- 1890, near Elk Horn, IA ( 1 yr. 8 mos.)  
buried- Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery, Exira, IA

- VII. DENA MARTHA NELSON, married 1. Robert Willen Leach  
b-17 Nov 1893, near Exira, IA b-31 July 1870, Franklin, IN  
m-25 June 1931  
d-15 Sept 1954, Lincoln, NB  
buried- College View Cemetery, Lincoln, NB
2. Henry Christian Iverson  
b-27 Apr 1890  
m-7 July 1960  
d-30 Mar 1967, Colorado  
buried- Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery,  
Exira, IA

- VIII. AGNES GUSSIE NELSON, married Frank Everett Wall  
b-4 Aug 1896, near Exira, IA b-12 Aug 1894, Yankton, S. D.  
d-1 Nov 1932, Des Moines, IA m-4 Oct 1919, Exira, IA  
buried- Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery, Exira, IA d-16 Jan 1972, St Helena, CA  
buried- St Helena, CA
- A. Everett N. Wall  
b- 1920  
d- 1920 buried- Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery, Exira, IA
- B. Wendell Hardy Wall, married Marian Evelyn Larson  
b-20 Jan 1922, Exira, IA b-20 Dec 1927, Minneapolis, MN  
m-17 Aug 1947, Minneapolis, MN
1. Constance Marie Wall, married Henry A. Lund  
b-12 May 1949, Loma Linda, CA b-14 July 1943, Warroad, MN  
m-30 July 1972, Wahpeton, N. D.
- a. Jonathan Joel Lund  
b-18 Oct 1975, Loma Linda, CA
- b. Rebecca Lund  
b-18 Aug 1978, Breckenridge, MN
- c. Kari Lund  
b-23 Apr 1980, Grand Forks, N. D.

2. Wendell A. Wall, married Shirley Pruitt  
 b-14 Oct 1952, Takoma Park, MD b-7 Oct 1953  
 m-3 June 1973, Spokane, WA
- a. Christopher Wall  
 b-19 Febr 1975, Lincoln, NB
- b. Nicholas Wall  
 b-18 Jan 1980, Grand Forks, N. D.
- Twins { c. Mathew Wall  
 b-23 Apr 1981, Fargo, N. D.
- d. Michael Wall  
 b-23 Apr 1981, Fargo, N. D.
3. Jennifer Lynn Wall  
 b-16 June 1963, Breckenridge, MN
- C. Merrill Henry Wall, married Thelma L. Jones  
 b-21 May 1924, Lincoln, NB b-4 Apr 1925, Jacksonville  
 m-1 May 1956, Takoma Park, MD
1. Gary F. Wall  
 b-17 Dec 1957, Lincoln, NB
2. Barry R. Wall  
 b-31 Dec 1959, Lincoln, NB
- D. Verelene Dena Wall, married Wilmer Lee Asher  
 b-22 Apr 1928, Colorado Springs, CO b-16 Jan 1929, Sweetwater, NB  
 m-19 July 1951, Lincoln, NB
1. Michael Lee Asher, married Luann Coffin  
 b-21 Febr 1955, Lincoln, NB dissolved
2. Joe Everett Asher  
 b-30 Nov 1956, Loma Linda, CA
3. Randall Scott Asher  
 b-21 Febr 1960, Los Angles, CA
4. Jeffrey Alan Asher  
 b-12 Oct 1967, Denver, CO
- E. Agnes Verdell Wall, married Glenn Louis Roark  
 b-1 Apr 1930, Lincoln, NB b-31 Dec 1928, Manhattan, KS  
 m-24 Nov 1968, Denver, CO

IX. JOSHUA NELSON

b- 1900, near Exira, IA

d- 1900, near Exira, IA

buried- Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery, Exira, IA



## PART V. BROTHERS AND SISTER OF CHRISTINA SORENSEN ESBECK

JOHN (SORENSEN) SORNSON third child and first son of Anders  
and Ane Kjarstine Sorensen

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## DESCENDANTS OF JOHN SORNSON (SORENSEN)

JOHN SORNSON (SORENSEN), married  
 b-10 Apr 1859, Swenstrup, Jutland, DK  
 d-6 Febr 1933  
 buried- both Cemetery at Atlantic, IA

MARY (MARIE) E. CHRISTENSEN  
 b-10 June 1865, Denmark  
 m-2 Febr 1885  
 d-4 Sept 1928

## CHILDREN:

1. NELLIE SORNSON, married  
 b-9 Dec 1885, farm 3 mi. east  
 of Elk Horn, IA  
 d-9 Oct 1959, near Exira, IA  
 buried- both Oakfield Twp.  
 Baptist Cemetery,  
 Audubon Co., IA

Peter Kragelund  
 b-14 Dec 1882  
 m-2 Sept 1909  
 d-7 Febr 1943  
 O-Farming



A. Viola Kragelund, married Clarence W. Nelson  
 b-8 May 1911, Audubon Co. b-14 Jan 1905  
 O-Teacher m-23 Aug 1944  
 O-Farming

CLARENCE &amp; VIOLA NELSON 1980

PETER &amp; NELLIE KRAGELUND



Viola Kragelund after graduating from Exira High School taught 14 years in the Audubon County rural schools and lived at home with her parents who farmed 2½ miles northwest of Brayton. In 1943 after her father passed away she and her mother, Nellie, moved to Kimballton. Viola had contracted to teach in the Kimballton Public School. On August 23, 1944 Viola married Clarence Nelson and they farmed near Kimballton for 29 years. October of 1973 they moved

into their present home that they built in the Hillcrest addition of Kimballton.

Along with farming, Clarence was custodian at the Kimballton school for 11 years. Part-time he sold Dekalb seed corn, Moorman's feed and operated a county road maintainer. Viola taught school for about 35 years, of which seventeen and one-half years were in Kimballton and three years in Elk Horn. Viola is a Blair products dealer and a McNess household dealer.

Viola and Clarence are custodians of the First Baptist Church in Elk Horn where they have their membership. They have served their church in many of the offices. Viola is a member of the Kimballton Literary club.

In June of 1953 they adopted three of Clarence's brother, Sam's, children of Spring Valley, Minnesota, whose mother had passed away in February of 1952 leaving eleven children. When adopted Terry was seven, Darrell was six and Roxanne was three.

- 1. Terry Nelson, married Marcia Larsen, Kimballton, IA  
 b-11 Mar 1946 b-4 Aug 1947  
 O-Truck driver m-22 Apr 1968  
 (Marcia is the daughter of Edwin Larsen, listed under descendants of Drace Sornson)
  - a. Bradley Nelson  
b-7 Nov 1968
  - b. Jennifer Nelson  
b-25 Aug 1970
  
- 2. Darrell Nelson, married 1. Joanna Nissen\*  
 b-28 Apr 1947 b-10 Oct 1948  
 O-Ass't. Mgr. Hog Buying m-31 July 1966, dissolved 11 July 1973  
 (asterisk denotes mother) 2. Beverly Basye\*\*  
 b-17 Febr 1952  
 m-16 Nov 1974
  - a. Shelly Nelson\*  
b-1 Febr 1967
  - b. Scott Nelson\*  
b-4 Mar 1969
  - c. Brian Nelson\*  
b-13 Dec 1970
  - d. Tamara Nelson\*\* (Beverly's child from a previous marriage)  
b-18 Sept 1970
  - e. Rebecca Nelson\*\*  
b-1 Mar 1973
  - f. Darrell Nelson, Jr.\*\*  
b-30 June 1977
  
- 3. Roxanne Rose Nelson, married Delwin Carlson, Rosalie, NB  
 b-13 May 1950 b-25 June 1939  
 m-15 Aug 1975  
 O-Farming
  - a. Larissa Carlson  
b-12 Sept 1979
  
- B. Vera Opal Kragelund, married Axel Nielsen  
 b-19 Mar 1913, Audubon Co., IA b-7 Apr 1904, Bronderslev, DK  
 O-Teacher m-10 July 1935  
 O-Farming  
 (Parents- Anders C. & Inger Marie Nielsen)

Vera Opal Kragelund married Axel Nielsen in Audubon County July 10, 1935. Axel was born in Bronderslev, Denmark and came with his parents to Shelby County, Iowa on March 1, 1909. They settled on a farm southwest of Irwin.

Axel at age 13 became a member of the Merrill's Grove Baptist church at Fiscus, Iowa. Vera at age 11 became a member of the Elk Horn Baptist church. When she married Axel she transferred her membership to Merrill's Grove Baptist church.



VERA & AXEL NIELSEN 1975

After their marriage they farmed in Shelby County, southeast of Irwin until 1961 when they moved to Irwin, which is their present home.

Axel and Vera are the parents of four children, all are graduates of Irwin high school.

1. Darlene Marie Nielsen, married Raymond Pauley, Clifton Forge, VA  
 b-21 May 1936                      b-6 Febr 1928  
 O-Teacher                              m-25 Dec 1965  
     O-Teacher
    - a. Rachelle Pauley  
 b-9 Mar 1971
    - b. Lynette Noelle Pauley  
 b-15 Dec 1974
  2. Norlin Andrew Nielsen, married Juanita Lueck, Chariton, IA  
 b-31 May 1939                      b-25 Dec 1936  
 O-Farm Mgr. for ISU Agr. Ext.      m-1 July 1961
    - a. Shelly Renee Nielsen  
 b-6 May 1963
    - b. Marla Gale Nielsen  
 b-28 Sept 1967
  3. Dennis Nathan Nielsen, married Evelyn Fischer, Houston, Texas  
 b-11 Mar 1942                      b-21 Nov 1945  
 O-Sanitation Inspector for        m-17 June 1967  
 Houston, Texas                      O-Teacher
    - a. Rebecca Linn Nielsen  
 b-27 Dec 1969
    - b. Kevin Stuart Nielsen  
 b-6 July 1972
  4. Nadine Jeanette Nielsen, married Richard Mortensen, Audubon, IA  
 b-31 Mar 1951                      b-13 Nov 1947  
     m-28 Febr 1970  
     O-Farming
    - a. Tanya Lee Mortensen  
 b-13 June 1971
    - b. Eric Richard Mortensen  
 b-22 Febr 1974
    - c. Daniel Philip Mortensen  
 b-24 Aug 1978
- C. Leo Harold Kragelund, married Ethel Johnson, Elk Horn, IA 51531  
 b-2 Nov 1916, Audubon County, IA      b-4 Jan 1917  
 O-Farming & International Harvester      m-5 Jan 1937  
 Co-owner                                      O-School cook  
     (Parents- J. Chris Johnson)

Leo Harold Kragelund is the son of Nellie Sornson and Peter Kraglund and a grandson of John Sornson. At the age of 20, he married Ethel Johnson who, too, was 20 years of age. They have one daughter F. Colleen Kragelund, who married Don Zabriskie. They have two girls, Jill and Sarah.

Leo farmed for 11 years. In 1947 they moved to Elk Horn, Iowa where Leo became co-owner - International Harvester Company. He retired in 1979.

Ethel was a hot lunch cook at the Elk Horn-Kimballton Community school for 15 years. Ill health cause her to retire.

They have lived in Elk Horn for 36 years. Their daughter and husband are both Doctors of Psychology in California.



ETHEL & LEO KRAGELUND 1977

1. Felistis Colleen (F. Colleen) Kragelund, married Don Zabriskie, Covina, CA
  - b-11 Sept 1941
  - O- Dr. of Psychology
  - b-17 Febr 1942
  - m-8 June 1963
  - O-Dr. of Psychology
  - a. Jill Bernadette Zabriskie
    - b-20 July 1969
  - b. Sarah Lynn Zabriskie
    - b-7 July 1977

II. WILMER SORNSON

b-20 Mar 1887  
d-5 Mar 1889  
buried- Atlantic, IA

III. ROSETTA SORNSON

b-12 Febr 1889  
d-4 Sept 1945  
buried- Atlantic, IA

IV. WALTER SORNSON

b- 1890 or 1891  
d- in infancy  
buried- Atlantic, IA

V. ESTHER SORNSON, married

b-30 Mar 1892  
d-12 Febr 1955  
buried- both Atlantic, IA

Ferdinand O. Nelson  
b- 1891  
m-16 Mar 1915  
d- 1960

A. Blanche Nelson, married  
b-19 July 1916

1. Glen Brown, dissolved
2. Clark Palmquist

VI. EDNA SORNSON, married

b-26 Apr 1894  
d-24 Nov 1961  
buried- both Omaha, NB

Walter George Tole  
b- 19 Jan 1895  
m-2 Oct 1912  
d-24 June 1962

A. Leonard Walter Tole, married  
b-6 Mar 1913

Mina Mathilda Kuetz  
b-21 Oct 1912  
m-21 Oct 1936



1. Marilow Ann Tole, married George Reynolds Shaffer, Sr.  
    b-9 Jan 1939                     b-22 Jan 1935  
    m-1 June 1957
  - a. Laura Ann Shaffer  
    b-19 Jan 1959
  - b. George Reynolds Shaffer, Jr.  
    b-9 Sept 1961
  - c. Lisbeth Renee' Shaffer  
    b-29 Sept 1965
  - d. Lisa Kelly Shaffer  
    b-4 Jan 1968
2. Robert Allen Tole, married Pamela Kaye  
    b-12 May 1945                     b-30 Jan 1949  
    m-2 Mar 1968
  - a. Stephanie Elizabeth Tole  
    b-20 May 1971
  - b. Robert Thomas Tole  
    b-6 Jan 1974

B. Walter John Tole  
 b-30 Mar 1915

C. Ruth E. Tole, married Paul Blank  
 b-12 Nov 1917                     b-  
    m-1 June 1947, dissolved 3 July 1968

1. John Walter Blank, married Sharon Ann Kunselman  
    b-4 Mar 1948, Denver, CO             b-  
    m-18 Aug 1968
  - a. Jon Edward Blank  
    b-24 Aug 1969, Virginia Beach, VA
  - b. Jarred Thomas Blank  
    b-8 Aug 1973, Aurora, CO
  - c. Jennifer Lynn Blank  
    b-10 Jan 1977, St Louis, MO
  - d. Joann Renee Blank  
    b-2 Nov 1978, Frankfurt, Germany
2. Elaine Ruth Blank  
    b-11 Apr 1949, Denver, CO
3. James A. Blank, married Emma Lou Hill  
    b-30 Nov 1950, Denver, CO             b-  
    m-4 July 1972
  - a. Timothy Alan Blank  
    b-4 July 1973, Longmont, CO
  - b. David Wayne Blank  
    b-22 Nov 1977, Aurora, CO
  - c. Deborah Ann Blank  
    b-23 July 1982, Longmont, CO
4. Edna Lorene Blank  
    b-23 June 1952, Denver, CO

5. Esther Ann Blank, married  
b-17 Oct 1953, Arvada, CO
- Michael A. Morison  
b-  
m-1 Oct 1972
- a. Laura Ann Morison  
b-27 May 1973, Longmont, CO
- b. Christine Michelle Morison  
b-13 May 1977, Longmont, CO
- c. Paul Michael Morison  
b-18 Dec 1980, Longmont, CO
6. Stephen Paul Blank, married  
b-19 Jan 1957, Arvada, CO
- Barbara Ann Smith  
b-  
m-
- D. Alice Tole, married  
b-27 Mar 1926
- Harold Wayne Phillips  
b-21 Jan 1928  
m-17 Mar 1950
1. David Wayne Phillips, married  
b-29 Sept 1954
- Vickie Joann Titas  
b-15 Febr 1955  
m-28 Aug 1976
- a. Stacie Joy Phillips  
b-6 June 1978
- b. Andrew Wayne Phillips  
b-10 Febr 1981
2. Mark Allen Phillips, married  
b-20 Oct 1957
- Keri Dean Simmerman  
b-20 Oct 1957  
m-13 June 1981
- VII. SALVINA E. SORNSON, married  
b-20 Febr 1896  
d-3 June 1930  
buried- Atlantic, IA
- Lester Black  
b-29 Oct 1890  
m-28 June 1917  
d- 1958
- A. Benoni Black, married  
b-7 Aug 1920
- Loretta Meals  
b-5 Apr 1920  
m-15 Dec 1943
1. Janet Lee Black, married  
b-28 June 1947
- Dale Russel Trbovich  
b-23 June 1946  
m-23 Dec 1967
- a. Paul George Trbovich  
b-6 Sept 1970
- b. Jonathan Russel Trbovich  
b-14 Nov 1973
- c. David Harris Trbovich  
b-22 Febr 1977
2. Sharon Kay Black, married  
b-23 Jan 1949
- Stephen Malone Keefer  
b-  
m-3 Aug 1974
- a. Sean Michael Keefer  
b-3 Dec 1977, Stillwater, MN
- b. Craig Lee Keefer  
b-29 Oct 1979, St. Paul, MN
- c. Elisabeth Anne Keefer  
b-7 Sept 1981, St. Paul, MN

3. Ronald Franklin Black, married Kathryn Lee Smith  
 b-3 July 1950  
 b-  
 m-21 Dec 1974
- a. Caroline Ann Black  
 b-20 Sept 1981, Anchorage, Alaska
- B. Duane Black, married Norma Johnston  
 b-5 Dec 1922  
 d-5 Jan 1959  
 buried- Omaha, NB  
 b-  
 m-
1. Lester Black, married Donna Marie Abdouch  
 b-  
 m-21 Apr 1974
2. Loraine Black, married Robert Money  
 b-  
 m-
- a. Carol Money  
 b- 1975
- b. Dan Money  
 b- 1976
- VIII. WILMER SORNSON, married Clara Miller  
 b-20 Febr 1898  
 d-12 Dec 1970  
 buried- Atlantic, IA  
 b-  
 m-
- IX. LEONARD SORNSON  
 b-27 Dec 1899  
 d- Sept 1900, buried-Atlantic, IA
- X. LEONA SORNSON, married  
 b-19 July 1901  
 d-4 Dec 1965  
 buried- near Denver, CO
1. Glen Kringle  
 m-12 Febr 1920  
 d- 1922, buried- Atlantic, IA
2. Harry Hansen  
 b-23 Nov 1892  
 m-11 Dec 1923  
 d- , buried-near Denver, CO
- A. Mary Lou Hansen, married William Gunson  
 b-14 July 1926  
 b-12 Aug 1920  
 m-9 June 1946  
 O-Plumber
1. Kathleen Louise Gunson, married John Reed Hill  
 b-30 Nov 1948  
 b-16 June 1941  
 m-15 Febr 1969
- a. Christina Louise Hill  
 b-5 Jan 1973
2. Mark David Gunson, married Rebecca Ann Graves  
 b-15 Febr 1955  
 b-16 Jan 1958  
 m-22 Febr 1976
- B. Kenneth Hansen, married Junene Shoemaker  
 b-12 Jan 1936  
 b-11 June 1934  
 m-1 Mar 1957  
 O-R N (Nurse)

1. Jennifer Junene Hansen  
b-4 Nov 1962
2. Kenneth Stuart Hansen, Jr.  
b-22 Mar 1967

XI. LEONARD SORNSON, married  
b-2 Oct 1903  
O-Salesman & clerk

(asterisk denotes mother)

A. Beverly Sornson\*, married  
b-9 Dec 1927

1. Cynthia Green, married  
b-11 Mar 1946

- a. Tammy Lynn Theisen  
b-17 Mar 1965
- b. Thomas William Theisen  
b-22 Apr 1968
- c. Timothy Walter Theisen  
b-3 Mar 1969
- d. Theodore James Theisen  
b-12 Aug 1972
- e. Tobias Allan Theisen  
b-23 Sept 1975

2. Gary Green, married  
b-20 July 1949

- a. Aaron Alan Green  
b-14 Apr 1976

B. John Sornson\*, married  
b-21 Jan 1935

1. John Eric Sornson  
b-22 Aug 1958
2. Curtis Leman Sornson  
b-31 Dec 1959
3. Christian Martin Sornson  
b-8 Nov 1961

C. Susan Sornson\*, married  
b-9 May 1937

- a. James Eugene Walker, Jr.  
b-9 Jan 1959
- b. Linda Sue Walker  
b-27 Apr 1960
- c. Thomas Jeffery Walker  
b-17 Apr 1963
- d. Tena Marie Walker  
b-16 Apr 1964
- e. Deanna Lynne Walker  
b-19 Mar 1966

XII. ELMER LEO SORNSON, married

b- 24 Mar 1906

d-14 July 1964, buried near Denver, CO

A. Dorothy Sornson, married  
b-21 May 1932

1. Violet Baltzer\*  
m-28 Febr 1926, dissolved
2. Paula Marshall Turnbow  
m-17 Apr 1943  
d-6 June 1982

Walter Green

b-

m-16 June 1944

Thomas Theisen

b-

m-27 Dec 1964

Kaile Lenee Shilling

b-

m-

Judith Barrie

b-

m-18 Jan 1958

James Eugene Walker

b-

m-27 May 1956

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PART V. BROTHERS AND SISTER OF CHRISTINA SORENSEN ESBECK

DRACE (SORENSEN) SORNSON fourth child and second son of Anders

and Ane Kjarstine Sorensen

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DRACE SORNSON AND FAMILY



Left to right: Back row- Lily, Ulysses, Wallace, Charlie  
Front row- Drace, Anna, Florence, William, Bertha Marie 1901



JOHN & LILY LARSEN 1908



HANS & FLORENCE HANSEN 1916



CHARLIE & PALMA SORNSON 1914

## DESCENDANTS OF DRACE SORNSON (SORENSEN)

Drace Sornson (Sorensen) was born in Swenstrup Pr Tranum, Jutland, Denmark on July 22, 1865 and emigrated to the United States with his parents, Anders Sorensen and Ane Kjarstine Jensen in 1869. The family first located at Casey, Iowa. Four years later the family moved to Atlantic, Iowa and lived there until 1876. They then decided to join the many countrymen who were engaged in turning virgin prairie into farm land, and moved to Guthrie County. They farmed there until 1882 when they moved to Audubon County and joined the Danish community, locating on a farm 3 miles east of Elk Horn.



DRACE SORNSON 1920

Anders Sorensen bought 120 acres from Edwin Chaffee on January 9, 1882 for \$10 an acre. Drace bought the 120 acre farm from his father on Nov. 2, 1885. The same year on December 18 Drace married Anna Laursen. Drace's parents continued to live on the farm with him and his wife Anna until their death, Anders in 1907 and Ane in 1912.

In 1886, Drace purchased another 80 acres from the Chicago Rock Island Pacific Railway for \$9 an acre. In 1913 he bought 40 acres from the Boose Estate for \$135 an acre. The 240 acre Sornson homestead was named the "Pleasant Ridge Stock Farm".

One of Drace's teachers caused the change in spelling of their surname by telling him and his brother John that the American spelling of "Sorensen" was "Sornson".

Drace was a great promoter of the Atlantic Northern railroad from Atlantic to Elk Horn in 1907 and served as one of the directors. In addition to giving much time to its development, Drace also donated large sums of money. Drace was elected regularly as a Township trustee and served his community in many leadership roles.

Drace and his first wife Anna Laursen had six children: Ulysses, Lily, Charlie, Florence, Wallace, and Anna. With his second wife Bertha Marie Christensen six more children were born: William, Alfred, Harry, Elmer, Harvey, and Mabel. William, Alfred, and Harry died as infants. The four children living today are Anna (Mrs. R. C. Rasmussen), Elmer, Harvey, and Mabel (Mrs. Andrew Fredricksen).

Drace was inventive and did much building and improving of his home and farmstead. He was a stern but honest, God-fearing man. He had many sad experiences, losing two wives and four sons. His enormous strength, faith, and courage carried him onward.

Drace went to Denmark for his third bride, Charlotte Albertsen a nurse. Charlotte could not speak English when she arrived at the Sornson farm home. Adjustment was not easy for the three children still at home, Elmer, Harvey, and Mabel, ages 12 to 15.

Drace died at the farm home August 28, 1928 of Cancer. Charlotte purchased a house in Elk Horn and moved off the farm shortly after Drace's death.

Elmer T. Sornson purchased the 240 acre farm from the Sornson Estate in 1939. In 1976 he sold the farm to his son Galen. The farm is now a fourth generation, over 100 year Century farm.

DRACE (ANDREAS) SORNSON (SORENSEN)

b-22 July 1865, Swenstrup, Jutland,  
Denmark

d-28 Aug 1928, at home 3 mi. east  
of Elk Horn, IA

O-Farming

buried- Elk Horn Cemetery

1. ANNA LAURSEN

b-19 Febr 1861

m-18 Dec 1885

d-23 Apr 1898

buried- Elk Horn Cemetery

2. Bertha Marie Christensen

b-7 Mar 1876

m-25 Aug 1899

d-6 Apr 1918

buried- Elk Horn Cemetery

3. Charlotte Albertsen

b-1 July 1878, Denmark

m-22 July 1920

d- Dec 1958

CHILDREN - FIRST MARRIAGE, ANNA LAURSEN SORNSON

I. ULYSSES A. SORNSON

b-3 Jan 1887, farm 3 mi. east of Elk Horn

d-18 June 1907

buried- Elk Horn Cemetery

II. LILY KIRSTINE SORNSON, married

b-7 June 1888, farm 3 mi. E. of  
Elk Horn

d-1 Sept 1948, cancer

buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery

John F. Larsen

b-19 Mar 1887

m-14 Oct 1908

d-12 Mar 1950

O-Farming 3 miles east and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile N  
of Elk Horn, IA

A. Erma Anna (Larsen) Roberts, 8424 F. Plaza Rock Ct. St Louis, MO 63114  
b-13 Mar 1910

1. Robert Andersen

b-14 June 1908

m-28 May 1931, dissolved 10 June 1942

d- Apr 1977

2. Roberts dissolved

1. Cherlyn Carole Andersen, married Otto Peter Broder II

b-4 May 1934

b-7 Febr

m-8 May 1954

O-Pilot

a. Kirkland Stiers Broder III, married Kathy  
b-30 June 1955

1). Anna Marie Broder III

b-19 May 1982

b. Otto Peter Broder III

b-4 June 1957

c. David Larsen Broder III

b-7 Oct 1959

d. Ann Franke Broder III

b-14 Nov 1963

- B. Ina Sena Larsen, married 1. Thomas Cunningham  
 b-24 Aug 1914 m-10 Jan 1942  
 d- Nov 1968  
 buried- Atlantic, IA  
 2. Paul Sien  
 b-27 Oct 1919  
 m-
1. Susan Kay Cunningham, St Louis, Mo.  
 b-23 Febr 1955 married and divorced  
 O-Official Court Reporter
- C. Myrtis Marie Larsen, married Otto Pedersen, Omaha, NB  
 b-9 Dec 1916 b-13 Febr 1921  
 d-17 Aug 1978, Omaha, NB (cancer) m-31 Dec 1940  
 buried- Westlawn Cemetery, Omaha, NB
1. Michael John Pedersen, married Elizabeth Anne Nielsen, Springfield, MO  
 b-1 Febr 1943 b-12 Oct 1942  
 O-Medical Tech. m-5 Sept 1965
- a. Michelle Marie Pedersen  
 b-26 Aug 1967, Omaha, NB
- b. Heather Ann Pedersen  
 b-14 June 1969, Omaha, NB
- c. Ana Christine Pedersen  
 b-4 Aug 1974, Springfield, MO
- d. Laura Lee Pedersen  
 b-3 Apr 1977, Springfield, MO
2. Steven Kent Pedersen, married Candice Rae Roth, Yutan, NB  
 b-15 Sept 1947 b-7 Febr 1949  
 O-Aduster for Alexander & m-29 July 1970  
 Alexander, Omaha, NB
- a. Danelle Rae Pedersen  
 b-8 Jan 1974, Omaha, NB
- b. David James Pedersen  
 b-23 Dec 1976, Omaha, NB
3. Mark Lester Pedersen, married Karen Hovendick, San Francisco, CA  
 b-15 Apr 1951 m- 1971, dissolved  
 O- Medical Illustrator
4. Vicki Lynn Pedersen, married Edward Allen Schneider, St Paul, MN  
 b-20 Apr 1954 b-20 Febr 1951  
 O- Studying to be a Pastor m-11 Oct 1980
- D. Ardyce Johanna Larsen, married Richard G. Knudsen, 702 Oak Atlantic,  
 b-15 Mar 1919 IA 50022  
 b-24 May 1916  
 m-9 June 1940
1. Richard G. Knudsen II, married Linda Miller, Nashville, TN  
 b-16 June 1942 b-28 Mar 1944  
 O-FBI Agent m-28 Dec 1968
- a. Amy Knudsen  
 b-20 Aug 1970
- b. Ashley Knudsen  
 b-30 Nov 1973
- c. Courtney Knudsen  
 b-1 Mar 1976

2. Mary Jo Knudsen, married Ken Hass (3rd marriage)  
 b-18 July 1947 m-26 Dec 1974  
 O-Elementary Teacher

- E. Edwin Franklin Larsen, married 1. Ruby VanAernam\*  
 b-28 Aug 1920 b-8 Nov 1921  
 O-Farming the home farm 3 mi. d-3 Sept 1953  
 E and  $\frac{1}{2}$  N of Elk Horn 2. Beverly Peterson\*\*  
 (Living in Elk Horn) b-2 Mar 1929  
 m-19 May 1954  
 O-Teacher

(asterisk denotes mother)

1. Linda Rae Larsen\*, married Roger Jensen, Anita, IA  
 b-17 Apr 1945 b-8 July 1944  
 m-2 Nov 1963  
 O-Owner & operator meat locker
- a. Lanny Dean Jensen  
 b-28 Mar 1964
- b. Crystal Jensen  
 b-3 Sept 1965
- c. Dana Jensen  
 b-3 Jan 1971
2. Marcia Larsen\*, married Terry Nelsen, Kimballton, IA  
 b-4 Aug 1947 b-11 Mar 1946  
 m-22 Apr 1967  
 O-Truck driver
- a. Bradley Nelsen  
 b-7 Nov 1968
- b. Jennifer Nelsen  
 b-25 Aug 1970
3. Rachel Lily Larsen\*\*, married Randy Birks, Irwin, IA  
 b-4 Mar 1955 b-22 Apr 1957  
 m-21 June 1975  
 O-Owner of TV & Appliance Store
- a. Nathaniel Franklin Birks  
 b-16 Mar 1983

(Beverly's children from first marriage: Stephen James Peterson  
 and Christine Mary Jo Peterson)

- III. CHARLIE FRANCIS SORNSON, married Palma Hartvigsen  
 b-22 Mar 1891 b-30 Apr 1891  
 d-8 Apr 1962 m-6 May 1914

- A. Mary Ann Sornson, married Donald Spooner, Chicago, IL  
 b-3 Oct 1931 b-24 June 1931  
 m-14 Aug 1965  
 O-Teacher

- Twins {  
 1. Andrea Louise Spooner  
 b-26 July 1968  
 2. Alice Palma Spooner  
 b-26 July 1968



FLORENCE EFFIE SORNSON, married  
b-10 Aug 1893

d-1 Jan 1957, cancer  
buried- both Elk Horn Cemetery

Hans P. Hansen, Elk Horn, IA  
b-22 Aug 1893

m-25 Aug 1916

d-11 Dec 1982

O-Farming, Sharon Twp., Audubon Co.

2nd m-5 June 1967 to Christena Hoegh

A. Mildred Anna Hansen, married  
b-16 June 1917

Milo C. Andersen, Elk Horn, IA 51531

b-10 Nov 1915

m-14 Apr 1940

O-Farming & Danish Mutual Ins.

1. Wayne Lee Andersen, married  
b-10 June 1941  
O-Western Electric, Omaha, NB

Judy Thomas

b-5 Jan 1944

m-16 Febr 1965

a. Christopher Thomas Andersen

b-29 Mar 1967

b. Jennifer Andersen

b-10 Oct 1969

2. Janet Carol Andersen, married  
b-20 Dec 1942

Douglas Craig Johnson, Des Moines, IA

b- July 1944

m-17 Oct 1964

O-Sales

a. Holly Ann Johnson

b-30 Mar 1965

b. Ryan Douglas Johnson

b-25 Apr 1971

B. Reta Helen Hansen, married  
b-14 Aug 1925

Allan Larsen, Elk Horn, IA 51531

b-

m-21 Sept 1950

O-Carpenter

1. Becky Ann Larsen, married  
b-30 May 1951

Don Runyon, Falls City, NB

b-1 Febr 1952

m-18 Nov 1978

O-Farming

a. Darcy Ann Runyon

b-7 May 1981

2. Carol Marie Larsen, Underwood, IA

b-3 Jan 1955

O-Teacher

3. Jane Florence Larsen, Ames, IA

b-23 June 1957

O-Secy. ISU

C. Dallas Howard Hansen, married  
b-28 Apr 1921  
O-Farming Sharon Twp., Audubon Co.  
home farm (Retired & living in  
Elk Horn)

Margery Pedersen, Elk Horn, IA 51531

b-17 Dec 1921

m-18 Nov 1945

1. Beverly Gene Hansen, married  
b-14 Aug 1948  
O-Bank Clerk

David Cameron Steen, Elk Horn, IA 51531

b-15 Apr 1947

m-17 May 1969

O-Salesman for Walco Vet. Supplies

a. Guthrie Cameron Steen

b-3 July 1978

b. Lindsey Renee Steen

b-27 Mar 1983

2. Barbara Jo Hansen, married  
b-21 July 1951  
Marc Shelstrom, 714 N. Nevada, IA 50201  
b-27 Dec 1950  
m-21 Aug 1971  
O-Lumber Co.
- a. Alicia Ann Shelstrom  
b-1 May 1976
- b. Marshall Reynold Shelstrom  
b-30 June 1980
3. Donna Jane Hansen, married  
b-12 June 1954  
O-Teacher  
Dennis Muller  
b-  
m-23 Febr 1974  
O-Farming
- a. Tobin Jeremy Muller  
b-4 July 1974
- b. Jacob Derek Muller  
b-3 Oct 1979
4. Richard Dallas Hansen, married  
b-12 Nov 1958  
O-Farming Sharon Twp., Audubon  
Co. - home farm  
Paulette Kay Christensen, Kimballton,  
IA 51543  
b- Mar 1958  
m-9 June 1979  
O-Teacher

- V. WALLACE EDDIE SORNSON, married  
b-23 Aug 1895  
d-25 Aug 1972, cancer  
O-Men's Clothing Store Elk Horn &  
Harlan  
Grace Parkinson, 1221 Willow, Harlan,  
IA 51537  
b-13 June 1898  
m-23 Aug 1921  
O-Teacher
- A. Darrel Lee Sornson, married  
b-27 Aug 1922  
O-Accountant  
Gayle Robert, Minneapolis, MN  
b-  
m-
1. David Lee Sornson  
b-14 Mar 1952
- B. Wallace Eugene Sornson, married  
b-28 Aug  
O-Men's Clothing Store  
Virginia Bomke, 1418 Baldwin, Harlan,  
IA 51537  
b-  
m-10 Sept 1948
1. Marie Sornson  
b-
2. Erik Sornson (adopted)  
b- Sept 1959
- C. Ardythe Sornson, married  
b-20 Nov 1927  
O-High School Counselor  
Donald Newberg, Omaha, NB  
b-  
m-  
O-Banking
1. Barbara Newberg  
b-
2. Cindy Newberg  
b-
3. Jeff Newberg  
b-  
m-13 Mar 1981
4. Nancy Newberg  
b-

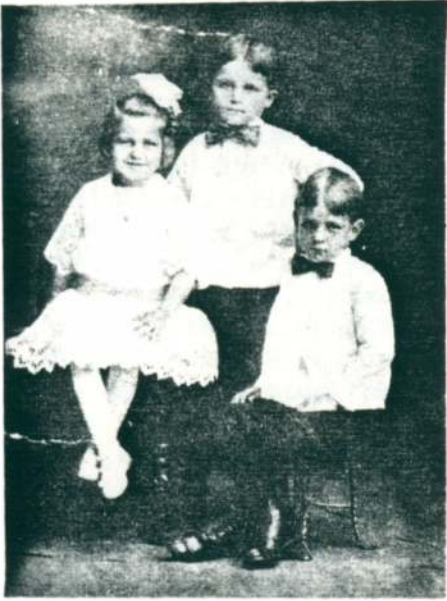
- VI. ANNA ALICE SORNSON, married  
b-9 Apr 1898  
Rasmus C. Rasmussen, Elk Horn, IA 51531  
b-18 Oct 1892, Denmark  
m-19 Febr 1920  
O-Farming  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles E. of Elk Horn  
(retired and living in Elk Horn)
- (\*Anna had a twin brother who died  
in infancy)

- A. Robert Lee Rasmussen  
 b-1 Dec 1921  
 d-7 Mar 1923  
 buried- Elk Horn Cemetery
- B. Norma Lorraine Rasmussen, married John Jave Jr., Elk Horn, IA 51531  
 b-16 Oct 1925 b-18 May 1922  
 m-16 Mar 1947  
 d-25 Aug 1980  
 O-Farming south of Elk Horn  
 buried- Elk Horn Cemetery
1. John Jave III, married Mary Clausen, Pickstown, S. D. 57367  
 b-12 Oct 1948 b-  
 O-Ass't. Mgr. Lake Andes Nat. m-19 Sept 1980  
 Wildlife Res.
- a. Jessica Marie Jave b. Rachel Lynn Jave  
 b-10 Mar 1981 b-29 Aug 1983
2. David Lee Jave, married Kelly Melton Jacobs, Tulsa, OK  
 b-20 July 1952 b-  
 O-Landscaping m-27 May 1983
3. Larry Dean Jave  
 b-23 Apr 1961  
 O-Farming the home place
4. Barbara Renea Jave  
 b-30 Sept 1966
- C. Verlee Carry Ann Rasmussen  
 b-20 Nov 1928  
 d-27 Mar 1929  
 buried- Elk Horn Cemetery
- D. Ronald Dean Rasmussen, married Dorothy Scholtes, Fairbanks, Alaska  
 b-2 Apr 1937 b-29 Oct 1937  
 O-Owner of Lumber Mill m-20 Aug 1960
1. Steven Christian Rasmussen  
 b-2 May 1962
2. Noelle Lynne Rasmussen  
 b-13 Dec 1967
3. Kristi Rasmussen  
 b-10 Dec 1969

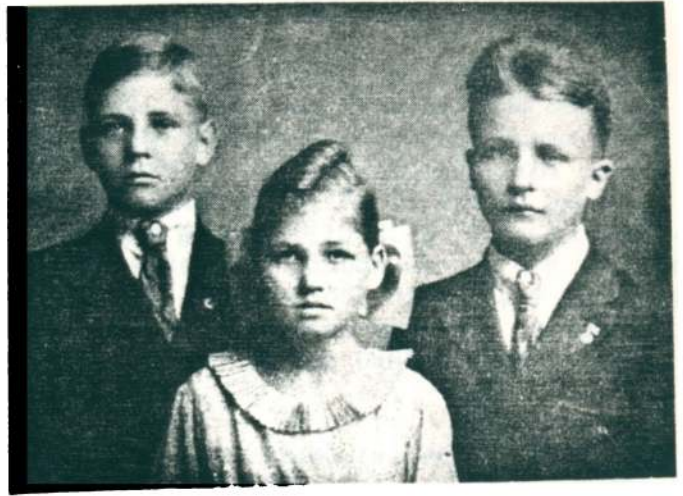
CHILDREN - SECOND MARRIAGE, BERTHA MARIE SORNSON

- VII. WILLIAM T. SORNSON  
 b-20 Sept 1901  
 d-9 JULY 1902 buried Elk Horn Cemetery
- VIII. ALFRED P. SORNSON  
 b-17 Mar 1900  
 d-13 June 1900 buried Elk Horn Cemetery
- IX. HARRY A. SORNSON  
 b-20 Dec 1902  
 d-30 Dec 1902 buried Elk Horn Cemetery

ELMER, HARVEY, AND MABEL SORNSON



MABEL, ELMER, HARVEY 1914



HARVEY, MABEL, ELMER 1919



ANDREW & MABEL FREDRICKSEN 1927



ELMER & ELEANOR SORNSON 1929



HARVEY & DAGMAR SORNSON 1929

- X. ELMER THEODORE SORNSON, married Eleanor Madsen, Elk Horn, IA 51531  
 b-24 Mar 1906 b-10 Nov 1905  
 O-Farming (Retired) m-5 June 1929

Elmer and Eleanor Sornson observed their Golden wedding day on June 5, 1979 at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. They had lived on the Sornson farm 3 miles east of Elk Horn until they retired in 1974 and moved to Elk Horn. Both have been active in church, school, community, and county activities. Elmer has been associated with the R. E. C. for 37 years, part of this time as director of Nipco a group of 10 R. E. C.'s in north-west Iowa. He has been a member and leader of Audubon County 4-H programs for 48 years, director of Danish Mutual, local school board, and president of the Lutheran Church Council and held other church offices. Several times a month Elmer and Eleanor act as hosts at the Danish windmill and are active in other phases of this project.

Elmer and Eleanor and their children are graduates of the local high school. All their children have attended college. Rodney and Elmer Jr., the two oldest sons, are graduates of the college of medicine at the University of Iowa, both specialists in their field, Rodney in General Surgery and Elmer Jr. in Ophthalmology. Mary Rose received teacher training and did teach a number of years in Florida, currently is selling insurance. Galen attended ISU and has purchased and taken over the Sornson farm.

- A. Rodney Drace Sornson, married Zola Maslyn, San Diego, CA  
 b-14 Mar 1932, 3 mi. east of Elk Horn b-  
 O-Doctor m-3 Aug 1963
1. Rodney Drace Sornson, Jr.  
 b-4 Aug 1964
  2. Mark William Sornson  
 b-18 Dec 1967
- B. Elmer T. Sornson Jr., married April Murrow, 2912 Inland Dr. S.,  
 b-5 Oct 1933, 3 mi. east of Salem, OR 97301  
 Elk Horn b-1 Apr 1934, England  
 O-Ophthalmology m-31 Dec 1956  
 d-18 Apr 1983, Salem, OR
1. Shawn Michael Sornson  
 b-6 Dec 1962
  2. Brian Christopher Sornson  
 b-28 Apr 1966
  3. Heather Ann Sornson  
 b-1 Dec 1972 (adopted)
- C. Galen George Sornson, married Eileen Mathisen, Rt. 1, Exira, IA 50076  
 b-27 Aug 1937, 3 mi east of Elk Horn b-9 June 1940  
 O-Farming the Sornson farm m-2 Aug 1958
1. Galen Bradley Sornson, married Jeanna Rathman, Rt. 1, Exira, IA  
 b-26 Sept 1959 b-  
 O-Farming m-4 Sept 1982



- 2. Gayleen Dawn Sornson, married Kent Rutherford  
b-18 June 1963  
b-  
m-15 Aug 1982
- 3. Cory Mathisen Sornson  
b-14 July 1969
- 4. Nathan Brandon Sornson  
b-17 May 1976

D. Mary Rose Sornson, Ft. Meyers, Florida  
b-17 Jan 1945, 3 mi. east of Elk Horn married and divorced

O- Teacher & Insurance sales

- XI. HARVEY CHRISTIAN SORNSON, married Dagmar Hansen, Kimballton, IA 51543  
b-16 Dec 1907  
O-Farming (Retired) b-28 Dec 1907  
m-27 Mar 1929

Harvey Sornson and Dagmar Hansen met and were married March 27, 1929. They lived six years on the Sornson home farm 3 miles east of Elk Horn. In 1935 they moved to a farm in the northeast corner of Sharon Township where they lived 44 years, moving to their present home in Kimballton in 1979. They are the parents of two children, Joy and Halvor.

Harvey became a director in the Audubon County Soil Conservation District early in its inception. He served as chairman of the Audubon County Soil District for many years.

Harveys' interest and hobby in retirement has been windmills. The windmills at the Nathaniel Hamlin Museum and Park near Audubon has been his restoration project. The Danish Windmill at Elk Horn was Harvey's idea. See the article in the clipping section for more information.

- A. Joy Luane Sornson, married Julius Albert Rodenmeyer, Houston, TX  
b-6 Febr 1931, 3 mi. east of Elk Horn  
b-1 Aug 1930  
m-23 Apr 1953  
O-Executive Vice-Pres., Curtis Mathesen Scientific Inc.
  - B. Halvor Carl Sornson, married Wanda Jensen, Omaha, NB  
b-14 Oct 1941, Sharon Twp.  
O-Grad. SUI, Production Mgr. m-15 Sept 1961  
Streck Laboratories  
O-Teacher
- 1. Redge Aaron Sornson  
b-16 Apr 1962
  - 2. Amy Beth Sornson  
b-18 Nov 1966
  - 3. Kristin Sornson  
b-22 Febr 1971

- XII. MABEL CAROLYN SORNSON, married Andrew Christian Fredricksen, Elk  
 b-25 Dec 1908, 3 mi. east of Horn, IA 51531  
 Elk Horn b-25 Aug 1903  
 m-25 Jan 1927  
 d-20 May 1966  
 O-Farming

Mabel Carolyn Sornson was born in Audubon County on the Sornson farm, known as "Pleasant Ridge Stock Farm". She attended Pleasant Hill Oakfield Township rural school No. 2 and studied a year at Dana College. Mabel married Andrew Fredricksen, a farmer in the Rorbeck area and they lived on this farm 30 years, raising purebred Short-horn cattle along with their general farming operations.

They had one daughter Clarice who was active in 4-H and sports, attending Dana College after graduating from Elk Horn high school.

Mabel and Andrew retired to Elk Horn in 1957, purchasing and living in the former Clara Esbeck and Ed Marquesen home. Andrew passed away after a lengthy illness on May 20, 1966.

Mabel was active in the Rorbeck ladies aid and sewing club, currently she takes an active part in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, Salem Home Auxiliary, and gardening at the windmill. Her hobbies through the years have been flowers, tatting, and sewing.

- A. Clarice Joanne Fredricksen, married Vaughn Christensen, Blair, NB  
 b-4 Apr 1933 b-29 May 1931  
 O-Clerk, Wolff's Jewelry, m-2 Aug 1953  
 Blair, NB O-Ass't. Dir. Admissions Dana  
 College, Blair, NB  
 (Coach & Teacher 19 yrs., Hastings,  
 Nebraska)
1. Joy Lyn Christensen, married Michael Sanford, Houston, TX  
 b-25 July 1954 b-15 Apr 1953  
 O-Weaving & Macrame m-8 June 1974  
 O-Mgr. of San Jacinto Sales Co.
  - a. Logan Alexa Sanford  
 b-29 Apr 1983
  2. Scott Vaughn Christensen, married Linda Noriss  
 b-1 Aug 1959 b-  
 O-Recent Grad. of Dana m-5 Aug 1983  
 College
  3. Jill Sue Christensen, married Phillip Sibole  
 b-14 Apr 1961 b-  
 O-Recent Grad. of Dana m-3 Sept 1983  
 College O-Recent Grad. of Dana College

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## FIRST INSTALLMENT OF M. ESBECK STORY

### Writer Experienced Many Thrilling Events in the Early Days

This is the first installment of a series of articles written by Mr. M. Esbeck, of Kimballton, which will appear regularly in the Review, pertaining to his experiences during the pioneer days of this section and leading up to the present time.

We believe this continued story will be interesting to our readers, particularly to those who endured the hardships of those early days, and likewise will prove of historical value to the younger set.

In the spring of 1868, when I was but a tow-headed, green lad of 15, I discarded my wooden shoes for a pair of leather boots, and packing my bundle, bidding old Denmark and a sweetheart farewell, I embarked on an ocean vessel for America, a land much spoken of as one of prosperity, happiness and freedom.

Following a long journey on the deep pond, having consumed 30 long days and nights, we finally reached our first destination in Illinois, with high hopes for the future.

Harvest was in progress in that state upon my arrival. The heat was intense, the thermometer registering 120 degrees, and several fatalities occurred to workmen in the fields.

Here we heard many wierd tales about the rattlesnakes and Indians, which were supposed to be so plentiful in Iowa. We did find many of the former, but very few of the pale-skinned bucks and squaws upon our arrival in this state in November of my first year in America.

The Rock Island railway was in course of construction through Iowa and had as its terminus a point about 2 miles east of where Casey now stands. Our parental home was located 18 miles from that point, and the trip overland was not pleasant, having to walk in the tall prairie grass, through grubs and brush.

When we reached the home place we found a sod house with a roof of hay as our place of shelter. Not so modern as those we enjoy at present. Neighbors were far apart, but many good times were enjoyed in social conversation, each one of the early settlers endeavoring to make living in the lousome country as pleasant as could be under the circumstances.

Flappers had not been discovered in those early days. Men and women dressed very conservatively, wearing plain, homespun clothing, which was protection to one's body regardless of the extreme cold winter weather.

Every farmer raised enough garden products and grain for his own use. There was no need of great production, as money was scarce and with markets miles away, transportation problems prevented disposing of any great quantity of saleable products.

My first work after locating in Iowa was hauling logs to a saw mill to secure lumber with which to build a 'modern' home. This house was 14x24, built of rough boards, without paper battings or plaster. It was an ideal health resort. During the winter fresh air creeped through freely, and it was of no consequence if one awoke in the morning and found a covering of snow on the bed and on the floor.

We were kept busy during the winter working in the timber, felling trees and cutting them up into fence railings. You must remember that 'wire fencing' at that time had not been thought of. Fences were necessary, however, as much as they are today, to assure one raising a crop.

The winter of 1868-69 was an unusually severe one. Sleighing was fine from November till March. When starting on a trip to mill it was not necessary to take a certain road, as no permanent highways had been laid out, and bridges were few and far between. At times it was impossible to travel and being unable to reach the mill, flour was manufactured in a coffee grinder, and many a good hot biscuit or portions of bread were enjoyed by us by this process.

Land was cheap those days, selling at from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per acre. But, when one did not have any money, it mattered not how cheap it was, hundreds of acres remained unsold for years.

Times were hard. Money was at

a premium. I worked for a farmer who had plenty of corn, but there was no market for it and having no cattle or hogs, was compelled to use it as fuel. Yet, he was not despondent. He seemed to take the motto as a sort of what is to be, will be.

By good management and diligent labor we came into possession of our first 'shin-plaster,' as money was called then. Paper money was

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in circulation, and currency such as we use today was an unknown quantity. Sorghum took the place of sugar, pumpkins was used as sauce or pie, coffee was high in price and considered a luxury, although we occasionally squandered a two-bit or four bit piece for this beverage. Boot sold at \$5.00 a pair. Pretty high, we thought those days, but they were necessity in winter. During the summer months one could economize by going bare-footed.

Prairie was mostly grub land spotted with oak roots. Breaking prairie was difficult. I was fortunate in getting an opportunity to try my skill at driving a yoke of oxen. I became quite proficient at it, and could handle a 5 yoke without a hitch. A 20-foot whip was used to urge them on, but once in a while I had to use my Danish-English dialect at the top of my voice to make them understand my bidding.

About all the farm machinery needed was a wagon, plow and draught. Corn planters and cultivators had not been heard of. Corn was dropped by hand. Cultivators were of home manufacture. We generally cut sapling for a beam using 2 crooks for a handle. A blacksmith, such as I had those days, made a heart-shaped shovel and a clevis, and when completed did a fairly good job of calving.

There was only two reapers in the whole township and at harvest time they were kept busy day and night. The old time cradle reaper was used extensively. We can remember my experience with one. We were kept on a dog trot all day in order to keep up with the more experienced miller in running from one wheel to another never having time to straighten or long, lean back for a rest. Wages were from \$10.00 to \$15.00 a month for good farm hands (not in class.)

It required only a year to convince me that I was not adapted to be a successful farmer. I decided to try my skill at railroading and found employment on the Rock Island on a construction train. New cuts would slide and at times the train would be submerged in 2 to 3 feet of sticky, blue clay. The train would then be loaded on cars and taken to a fill. About two and a half years of this work convinced me that my life's work would be at such occupation and I decided to take Horace Greeley's advice, 'West for Wealth.'



Left to right: Andrew N. Esbeck, Lars N. Esbeck, Peter N. Esbeck



## Brother Are Aged Trio

Lars, Peter and Andrew Esbeck Ages Total 261 Years

Time was when it was a noteworthy event when a resident of this section had attained an age of four score years. Nowadays it is not unusual. In fact we have several octogenarians in the community. But when three members of one family live far beyond the age of eighty years, that is unusual indeed.

Two members of such a family live in Elk Horn. The third member now makes his home in Watsonville, California. The trio in question consists of Lars and Peter Esbeck and their brother, Andrew, of Watsonville.

Their combined age is 262 years. Their average age is 87 and one-third year. All are still in rugged health. Andrew, the oldest, still drives the family car at 92 years of age; Lars, the second oldest, says that, if his eyes weren't weak, he could still go out and work with the best of them, in spite of his 86 years, while Peter, the youngest, aged 84, does all the work in and around home, then harnesses up his single driver, and goes out into the country in search of further tasks.

Lars Esbeck celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday a few weeks ago, November 1. Peter Esbeck was 84 on May 31, 1934, while Andrew Esbeck was 92 on June 18, this year. All were born in Brovst Sogn, Denmark. It is 68 years since Andrew first came to the United States, while Lars and Peter have only been here a matter of 66 years.

Andrew came to the United States in the year 1866. In 1868 he returned to the old country and

brought his parents and brothers and sisters to the land of opportunity. At that time there were 8 children in the family. Now there are only the three brothers.

The family's first home was in Geneseo, Ill., where Andrew owned a farm. Soon after he got out, and the family moved to Bear Grove, Guthrie county, Iowa, where Andrew purchased a farm and made a home for his parents.

Lars and Peter went to work on railroad construction crews. They worked on the Rock Island Railway at Casey in 1869. But when wages were cut from \$2.00 per day to \$1.75, they quit and went into Minnesota, securing work on the building of the Northern Pacific into Duluth. Later they worked their way south and also helped with the construction of the Memphis & New Orleans Railroad in the southern states.

Lars Esbeck said he visited the present site of Elk Horn as early as 1869. At that time there was no town, of course, nor any sign of a town. He stated that his only recollection of buildings in this settlement was a log cabin built and habited by a Mr. Lafleur on the present L. W. Johnson farm.

Andrew Esbeck remained in Iowa and farmed until 1894—the first real dry year—when he sold out and moved to Texas. Later he moved on to California where he has made his home for many years.

Lars and Peter Esbeck returned to this section of Iowa after working on the railroads and seeing considerable of the country. They bought their first farms here in the late '70s and early '80s. Lars bought his first farm in the Elk Horn settlement in 1882—the farm, where his son Wm., now resides—for \$10 per acre. Peter bought the farm one-half mile east of Kim-

ballton in 1878.

Of the three, Lars Esbeck has the largest number of descendants. He has 8 children, 2 boys and 6 girls, 35 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Andrew Esbeck has 6 girls. The only one residing in this section is Mrs. Neis Clemmensen. Peter Esbeck has 2 sons and 2 daughters.

When asked if the farmers of the present day had as good a chance as those in the '70s to get ahead, Lars Esbeck said that today there was no credit. He bought his first farm and all equipment without money, in fact there wasn't any real money in those days, he said.

Esbeck also said that taxes and interest were too high to permit anyone to get ahead. He thinks the Frazier bill should be passed. "And why shouldn't the farmers have 3 per cent money, instead of letting the insurance companies and loan companies have it at low rates, and then turn the same money over to the farmers at twice the rate?" inquired Mr. Esbeck.

He also favors the government policy of putting needy families on land and providing them with stock and equipment so that they can become self-supporting. But Mr. Esbeck has no sympathy for those on relief who will not work and save, given the opportunity. "They ought to be put on the poor farm and made to work there," he said. "Myself, I have worked for 79 years, and could still do a lick or two if my eyes weren't weak."

When only six years of age, Mr. Esbeck started working for his own support. He would get up early and get the farmers stock and stake them out to grass. Then he would have to water them and move them to fresh grazing plots occasionally. He said that consequently he had little or no schooling and wasn't too good at writing or reading. "But I can figure with any of them in my head," he concluded.



## THE ESBECKS - AUDUBON CO. PIONEER FAMILY



The above picture shows the first and second generation of a pioneer western Iowa family, the Esbecks. Some of the men located in Adair County before moving on to Audubon County.

The family originated in Jutland, Denmark and five brothers and a sister all emigrated to America. The family name came from a winding brook in the Brovst community which had loops that formed an "S". Beck is a brook. A story later will give further details of the family.

**By publishing these old photographs, we aim to illustrate that a community's history is an important factor in the financial health of the community today. We are proud to have served here for so many years and hope to continue serving you in every way possible for a long time.**



**Landmarks**  
**NATIONAL BANK**  
 KIMBALLTON, IOWA

**FDIC**  
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## 50th year anniversary special

Many of William Esbeck's 82 years have been given in dedicated service to his community. Now retired and living in Elk Horn, William is still actively involved in church and community activities.

William was born and raised on a 360 acre farm about 3 miles east of Elk Horn, the same farm his father, Lars, purchased in 1882 for



**WILLIAM ESBECK**

\$9 an acre. When William married a neighbor girl, Sena Hansen, in 1910 he took over the operation of the farm. He later farmed on a 50-50 basis with his son, Howard, and in 1965 sold the family place to the youngest son, Gordon, who is a veterinarian in Gilman. Howard, who was well-known in Farm Bureau, having served as county president, is an engineer with the John Deere Company in Moline, Ill.

William, always interested in the conservation of farmland, helped organize and become one of the three original commissioners of the Audubon County SCS and still serves as assistant commissioner.

He obtained one of the first conservation plans in 1943 and since then has interested many farmers in shifting to farming the conservation way. His farm was named the state sweepstakes winner in the 1955 Register and Tribune Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program. He was also awarded the Soil Conservation Award in 1949 from the Omaha World-Herald.

Being a winner was not uncommon for Esbeck, as he received the Good American Award as presented by Ted Malone, ABC radio commentator, and Best Years magazine for his 27 years of outstanding work in 4-H. He was also given an Emerald Award by the state 4-H club for his many years of service to 4-H and in 1955 was named honorary member of the Iowa State College Block and Bridle Club for his contribution to Iowa agriculture in the livestock field.

It was said of the Esbeck family: "It is highly doubtful that any Iowa family has given more of its time for development and improvement of community and farm life."

William, as a breeder of Hereford cattle, became interested in seeing better stock raised and better feeding methods taught so helped organize the 4-H in the county and became the beef club leader, continuing his service to young people for over 30 years.

It was in those days that he became interested in the programs Farm Bureau was promoting and so assisted with his financial support and time. In his 47 years as a loyal member, Esbeck served on a number of committees, cooperated on membership drives and led the organization as its president in the years 1930-1933. He was chairman of the planning

board which in the early 30's planned the AAA program for Audubon county.

Beside Howard and Gordon, already mentioned, the Esbeck family consists of another son, Donald, in construction work; and two daughters, Ramona, in extension work in Ames and Thelma Mrs. Roy Wehde of Wichita, Kan. Mrs. Esbeck passed away 4 years ago shortly after they had observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

Esbeck is rightfully proud of his children, 10 grandchildren and now 2 great grandchildren and enjoys traveling to visit them. He also said he still likes to bake bread in his spare time.

Farm Bureau was fortunate in having Esbeck as one of the early leaders.





CLIFFORD JOHNSON

World - Harold

1978

Retiring Extension Director:

1978

## Few Bad Recollections in 41 Years

By Gary Newman

Council Bluffs.

The car pulled into the dusty southwest Iowa farmyard and a young government worker alighted.

It was the Great Depression of the 1930's and he had come to tell this family of government programs and projects under the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

But the farmers were waiting, armed with pitchforks whose tines gleamed menacingly in the sun. They wanted no part of federal programs, so the young man beat a hasty retreat.

"It happened at more than one place and it always seemed like they had unfriendly dogs and let you know about it," said Clifford Johnson, 65.

He will retire June 30 as West Pottawattamie County extension director after 41 years in extension work — 34 of them at his present post.

The Agricultural Adjustment Act — "the Triple A" — was part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's plan to deal with low farm prices by limiting production, with such methods as plowing under some crops and killing some farm animals, ideas repugnant to many.

For Cliff Johnson, the memory of belligerent farmers in that era is one of the few bad recollections from his four decades of service.

In those early days, he recalls, he spent many evenings at 4-H meetings sitting on makeshift packing-crate chairs in kerosene-lit farm homes instructing farm daughters on how to make clothing from feed sacks.

### Teaching Degree

And there was the joy of aiding farmers with classes on electrical wiring when electricity came to their farms.

Johnson, a native of Elk Horn, Ia., started out to be a farmer himself, having been raised on a farm. He graduated from Iowa State College with a degree in animal husbandry and the qualifications to teach farming.

"But things were bleak (in teaching) when I graduated in 1932," Johnson said, "so I started looking."

What he saw was livestock commission firms at the Omaha stockyards doing good business and he sought his future there.

It was in Omaha that he met and married Genevieve Mitchell.

The commission business went bad in 1934," he said; and, probably because of his 4-H experience in his youth, he signed on to help administer the Triple A in Page County halfdays and to oversee 4-H activities the other half.

In 1937 he went to Ringgold County at Mt. Ayr as county extension director, coming to Council Bluffs and West Pottawattamie County in 1942.

In those years, he said, farming has changed from a mainly horse-drawn, small farm business with little technology to an industry using giant tractors, oceans of chemicals and computerized information on all phases of operation.

"In the 1930's the only way to teach new methods was to demonstrate how good they were, whether it was terracing or livestock care," said Johnson.

### Research Accepted

"Now it's mainly a matter of explaining new programs and ideas that have been researched and proven — people accept things that have been researched now."

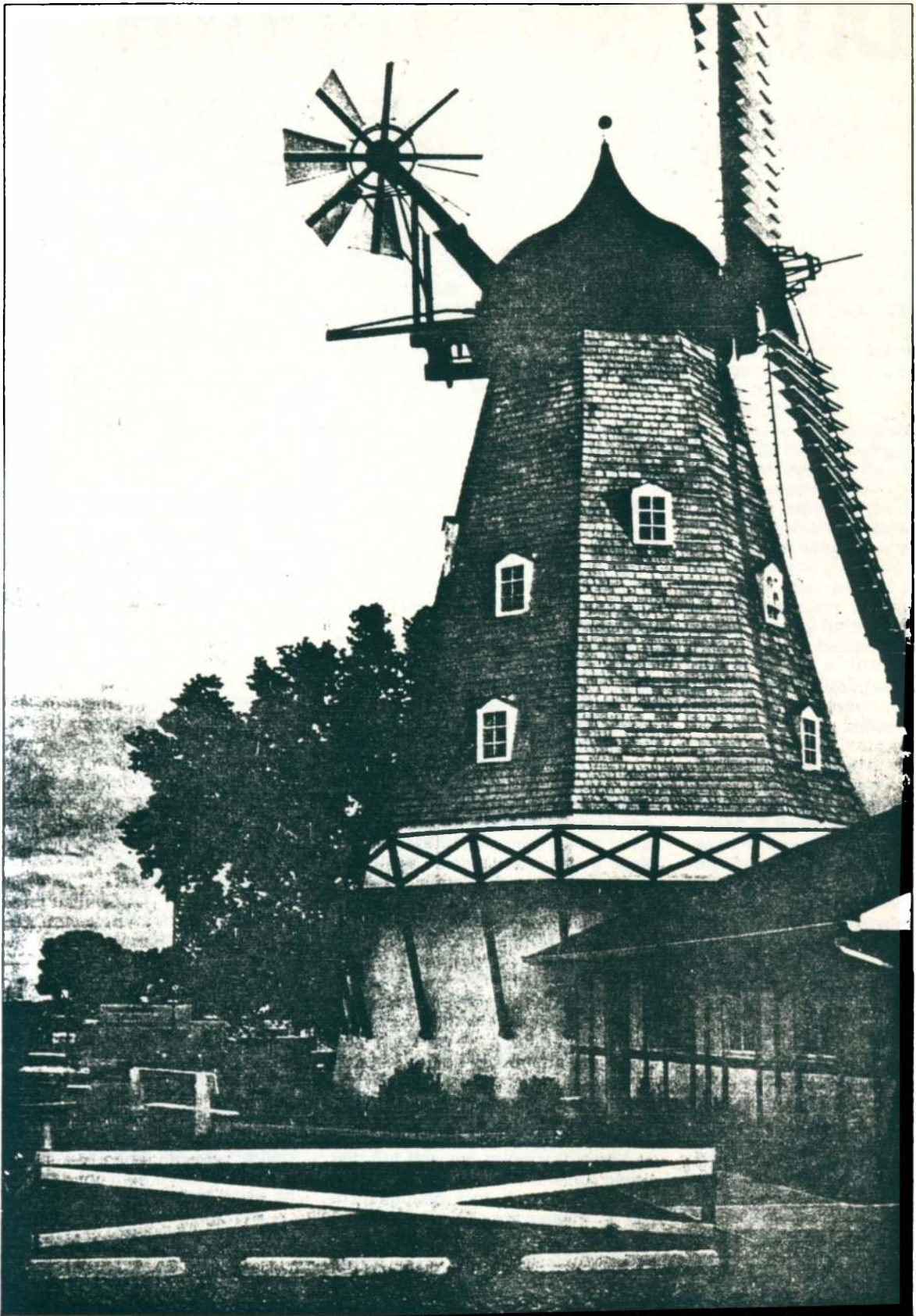
When he leaves his office the last of June, Johnson will say goodby to more faces that he said hello to in 1942.

There was only himself, a home economist and a secretary then. Now the staff includes two home economists, two youth workers, two urban youth aides, eight nutrition aides and three secretaries.

What's in store for Cliff and wife?

"Just catching up on a lot of relaxation, maybe some gardening and a little travel — we've got 15 acres and there's always lots to do," he said.





# Wings In the Wind Over Elk Horn, Iowa

By Budington Swanson

Traveling along Interstate 80 in Iowa, roughly midway between Omaha and Des Moines at exit 54, a sign announces that you are coming to Elk Horn. If you fail to turn in, you might miss an interesting tourist attraction. But should you decide to stop in the friendly little village, you will be greeted to a warm "velkommen" by an authentic Danish windmill, towering 60 feet in the air.

Adjacent to the millhouse is a gift shop, which provides tourist information, souvenirs and fine Scandinavian imports. Tours are also available to see the intricate "insides" of a working mill and to take a trip to the top, where you get a birds'-eye view of the surrounding countryside.

Elk Horn has a population of around 750. A few miles to the north lies Kimballton. The area is said to comprise the largest concentration of Danes in America. No Smiths or Joneses will be found listed on the mailboxes, but plenty of Hansens and Jensens.

And don't forget Sornson — Harvey Sornson, that is. He's the "crazy Dane with the crazy idea" who started it all.

During the spring of 1975, he took a vacation to Denmark. He was smitten by the old windmills that sprouted from the soil of his native land.

"I'd like to take one home," he said.

Back in Elk Horn, he talked to some of his Viking neighbors and friends about his idea.

"You're crazy," they told him.

But the seed had been planted, and it began to bud. A committee contacted the Iowa Development Commission and the Iowa Golden Southwest Tourism Council. Both agencies encouraged the Elk Horners to proceed, pointing out the benefits of tourism and that it would make an ideal Bicentennial project for 1976.

"Hold on," a skeptic demurred. "What's it going to cost?"

That was only a brief Jonah. About that time, the Harry Petersens of Denmark were visiting their cousin, Milo Petersen, in Elk Horn. The windmill idea was talked up. The Petersens were

interested. They said when they got back home, they would look around for a windmill.

Soon their letter came, saying they had located an old mill in Norre Snede, Jutland. Moreover, Harry had figures:

Cost of the mill, \$11,000; dismantling, \$14,000; and \$8,000 for ocean freight to Chicago, which was later changed to New York, as concern was expressed that the St. Lawrence Seaway might be frozen over since it was November.

Elk Horn mobilized as though going to war. A town meeting was called immediately. Within a few days, \$30,000 in pledges was raised. The money was sent to Denmark, and transactions began. All the necessary business was privately conducted between the Denmark Danes and the American Danes. Reams of red tape and governmental protocol of dubious value on either side was thus eliminated. It was just cousin to cousin, talking transatlantically, and getting the job done with amazing swiftness.

The 127-year-old mill was carefully taken down. The Danish carpenters had the foresight to number each section to facilitate reconstruction in Elk Horn. Of further help was a scale model, 10 feet high, with each piece numbered to correspond with the actual mill.

If the Iowa Danes could put the jigsaw puzzle back together again, they would have a windmill 60 feet high, with wings 66 feet long. The four wings would be lined with 80 shutters, each seven feet across, to catch the wind, turn the gears, and grind grain against the millstone.

Now came the long sea voyage to New York. When it arrived in port, all the pieces were covered with ocean salt. But this was minor compared to the man-made problems, which began to compound. First, the shipping company insisted on prepayment of the overland freight charges and a bill of lading. While the mill sat on the dock accumulating storage charges, frantic letters and telephone calls went back and forth. A check for the freight was sent by certified mail. Eleven days later, the shipping company had not re-

ceived it. A second check reached New York by air messenger, finally releasing the goods from bondage.

Next, the Customs Department assessed nearly \$2,000 in duties. Later they admitted they had made a mistake as the mill was exempt because it was more than 100 years old. The money was refunded.

With the bills paid and Customs satisfied, the Elk Horn vanguard was ready to hit the road with their costly cartage. But the road was not ready for them. Highway travel in the United States was more restrictive than in Denmark. The 66-foot wings were too wide. They were promptly cut in two to meet specifications. Now the load was too heavy for the macadam. Eventually two huge trucks brought the 44,000-pound cargo into Elk Horn behind a white Cadillac escort on Feb. 4, 1976.

A site was chosen at the south end of Main Street. Visitors approaching the town can hardly believe their eyes at first sight of the six-story wonderwork. When the main beams scraped the sky, the tower was crowned with a *Rejsekrans*, a Danish good luck symbol composed of three concentric evergreen wreaths around a flag of Denmark. In this case, an American flag joined the Danish colors.

Finally, after nine months, the hard work and the camaraderie of it was over. The cold November wind caught the wings. The "crazy Danes" cheered — and drank coffee. Harvey Sornson nodded approvingly.

"Now it looks like a windmill," he said, and his eyes were moist.

Somehow it seemed fitting that he, who had incubated the idea, should be one of the first to taste the mill's initial batch of cornbread! A Danish dream had come home, truly commemorating America's Bicentennial, winning first prize in the Iowa Community Betterment contest.

Last year the unique windmill drew 50,000 visitors, according to its manager, Mrs. Lisa Riggs. Now the Danish community hopes the same gritty determination will bring the National Danish Immigrant Museum to Elk Horn, proposed to cost \$2-4 million. ■



## GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF LARS N. ESBECK BREAK RECORDS

## Feature Atlantic Native In Omaha Publication

1983  
Belva Jean "B.J." Brown of Omaha, the former Belva Esbeck of Atlantic, was featured in the April 1 edition of Midlands Business Journal for her tremendous real estate sales record in Omaha. She is the daughter of Leslie Esbeck of Omaha and Cecelia Esbeck of Atlantic.

An associate of Wordeman of Omaha, Mrs. Brown sold \$6 million worth of homes last year, despite a recession and a sales slump.

"January through April I sold \$500,000 worth because I forgot about working," she said in the article. "Then I signed up for a new house with big house payments, and from May through December I sold \$5.5 million worth. It was because I decided to work."

Mrs. Brown sold homes ranging in price from \$5,000 to \$235,000, with an average price tag of \$75,000. She does not deal in commercial real estate.

For 12 years, she was out of the job market, serving mostly as a baby-sitter. A conference with husband Bill Brown sparked a fire to try real estate.

"I came from a salesman family, but I hated salesmen," she said. "I detested everything in me that was salesman."

But, soon she was passing the examination and applying for a job at Wordeman of Omaha. Robert Wordeman hired her on a six-month trial basis. She sold a house a week for the first five months on the job, four times the rate of most of her counterparts.

Mrs. Brown has achieved the No. 1 sales mark in Omaha despite setting aside all weekends to be with her family, meaning she does not utilize open houses for selling or obtaining new leads.

"The first concern in my life is my husband, the second is my children, this job comes third and I have never let things change that order," she said.



BELVA JEAN (B.J.) BROWN  
Broker Associate

**Wordeman of Omaha** 

Outstanding Sales  
Associate of the Year  
(Over 5 Million)

GRANDDAUGHTER OF  
ANDREW ESBECK



Dave Esbeck was the first state 4-H officer from Audubon county when he was State Historian in 1964.

GRANDSON OF  
WILLIAM ESBECK



Shirley Johnson was a delegate to the National 4-H Conference in 1953, marking the first time that Audubon County had a delegate to the conference.

GRANDDAUGHTER  
OF  
ANNA ESBECK JOHNSON

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