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NOGLE SLÆGTER FRA HANHERRED
OG HILLERSLEV HERRED

(Some families from the two counties Hanherred and
Hillerslev Herred in Northern Jutland)

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CAI MYGIND

N O G L E S L Æ G T E R F R A H A N H E R R E D
O G H I L L E R S L E V H E R R E D

(Some families from the two counties, Hanherred and
Hillerslev herred in Northern Jutland)

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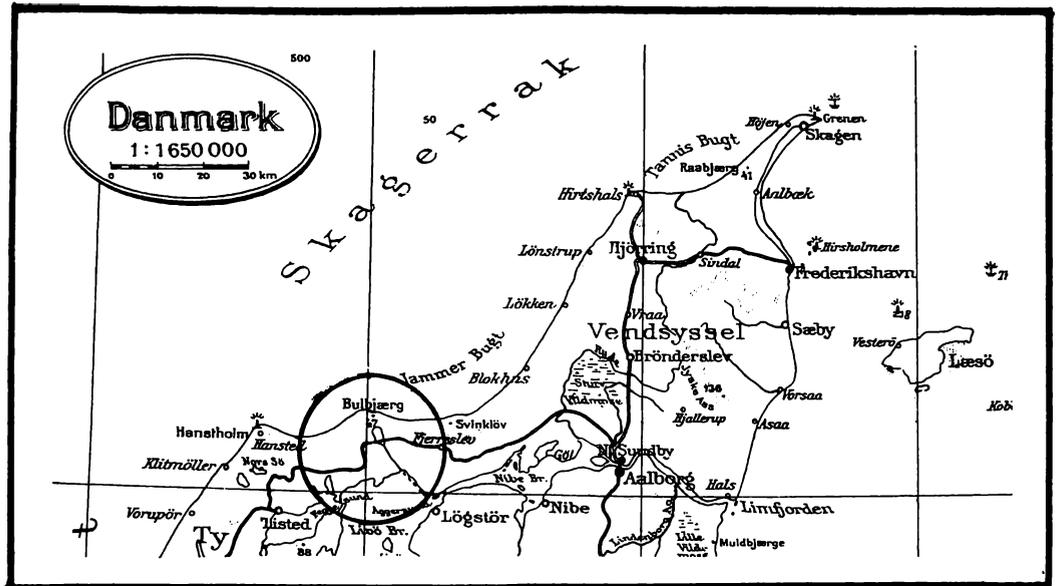
C A I M Y G I N D

Kun den, i hvem fortiden er stuvet op,
har fragt ind i fremtiden.

(Johs. V. Jensen)

Hver skimlet skrift, hver skjoldet alterbog
har gemt et gran af slægtens ve og våde.

(Jeppe Åkjær)



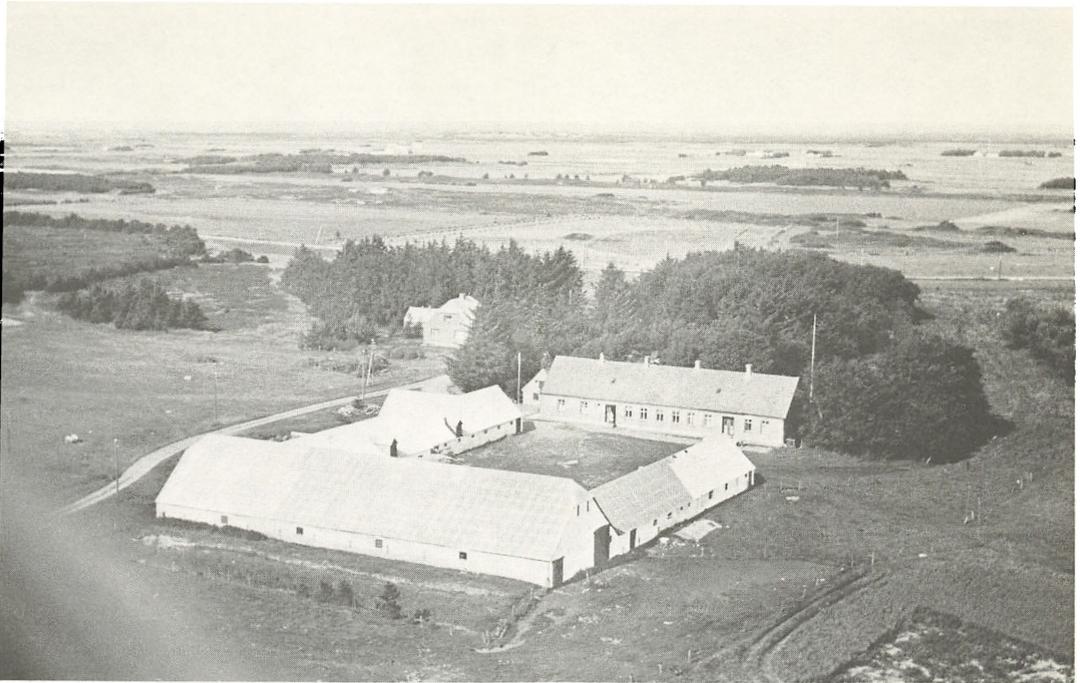
På de følgende sider skal der fortælles om nogle slægter
fra Vester Hanherred og Hillerslev herred. Alle har de fælles rod
i gården Oddersbøl i Hjardemål Klit.

Det er mit håb, at efterkommere i Danmark og Amerika vil
følge deres slægtsgren op til nutiden på de sidste blanke sider
i bogen.

Af kilder er først og fremmest benyttet: kirkebøgerne for
Hjardemål, Lild, Tømmerby, Øsløs og Arup sogne, forskellige folke-
tællingslister, skifteprotokoller, skøde- og panteprotokoller og
forskellige slægtsoptegnelser. Endvidere har jeg fået megen hjælp
af efterkommere både her i Danmark og i U.S.A., og den takker jeg
for på det hjerteligste.

Brønshøj, marts 1972.

Cai Mygind.



Oddersbøl

I Nordjylland mellem Thy og Vendsyssel og mellem fjord og hav ligger Hanherred med sin storslåede og vildsomme natur med langt til horisont og højt til himmel.

Her lever en befolkning, der indtil nutiden har været præget af omgivelserne. Den er nøjsom og flittig med stiltfærdig trofasthed over for det, der har dens hjerte, og dybt forankret i god, gammel bondekultur kendetegnet ved gammeldags gudsfrygt og opdragelse i fromhed.

Heroppefra, fra tre gamle selvejergårde, stammer de slægter, hvorom her skal fortælles. Den første af gårdene hedder Oddersbøl, hvilket betyder "gården på landtangen mellem kær og vandløb", og den nævnes i gamle papirer år 1600. Den anden gård hedder Diernæs, - det betyder "det store næs", og den omtales år 1430. Den sidste gård er Madsbøl ude ved havet. Den nævnes i 1477, og navnet betyder "gården på de side enge".

I dag eksisterer kun Oddersbøl.

Caspara Larsen Djernes

Casper J. P. Larsen Djernes

S. K. K. Marie Caspersen

Mariane Larsen Djernes

Lars Chr. Caspersen

Erik Zacharias P. Larsen Djernes

Christian P. Caspersen

Casper J. P. Larsen Djernes
Helene Pedersdatter
Lars Larsen Djernes

Lars Nielsen Diernes
Mariane Freetzmann

Casper Josva Freetzmann

Erich Zacharias Freetzmann

Casper Josva Freetzmann

CASPER JOSVA PREETZMANN.

På Oddersbølgård i Hjarde-mål sogn var der 29/3 1703 stort bryllup. Anne Lauridsdatter Koch, datter af den afdøde godsejer Laurids Jensen Koch og Anna Sørensdatter Guldager, og arving til gården, giftede sig med Casper Josva Preetzmann. Hvor den unge mand var kommet fra, vides ikke i dag, men en familietradition siger, at det var fra Norge. En anden formodning er, at han har været i tjeneste hos oberstløjtnant Erich Zacharias von Kahlen, som i 1689 havde købt Vesløgsgård af Laurids Jensen Koch, og navnet Preetzmann antyder, at han eller hans forfædre stammede fra byen Preetz i Holsten.

Laurids Jensen Koch døde i 1691, og Casper Preetzmann havde siden da været bestyrer på Oddersbøl for hans enke. Endnu kan man i Hjarde-mål kirke se gravstenen over Laurids Koch og hans kone. På stenen står:

J H S (Jesus hominum salvator)

Her under Huiler den ærlig
actbare og welfornemme nu Sal.
Mand Lauridtz Jensen Koch
som salig i Herren hensov i
Store Oddersbøl Ao 1691 d. 1.
Februarii i sin Alders 37 Aar
med sin K. Hustru erlig dyderige
og Gudfrygtige Matrone Anna
Soverensdatter Guldager som oc
salig i Herren hensov Ao - d. -
i sin Alders -

Casper Josva Freetzmann og Anne Lauridsdatter Koch, der døde i 1737, 57 år gammel, fik 9 børn, alle fødte på Oddersbøl og alle med faddere, der viser, at familien hørte til blandt herredets stormandsslægter.

Det blev den næstældste søn, der kom til at arve gården. Han hed Erich Zacharias Freetzmann.

ERICH ZACHARIAS PREETZMANN.

Han er født 1705 i Oddersbøl, og han døde samme sted 1772. Ved hans dåb den 14. oktober 1705 var der blandt fadderne 2 præster, hr. Michel i Øsløs (Michael Vogelius) og hr. Jacob i Kærup (Jacob Bruun).

Den 29. oktober 1730 blev han i Vigsø gift med Margrethe Nielsdatter Hesseldal Baun. Hun var født 1710 i Vigsø, og hun døde 1796 i Oddersbøl. Hendes forældre var selvejerbonden Niels Christensen Baun på Hesseldal i Vigsø og Maren Bertelsdatter.

Nogen tid boede Erich Zacharias Freetzmann og hans kone i Vigsø, hvorefter han overtog Lille Oddersbøl på 2 tdr. hartkorn. Denne gård blev siden lagt under Store Oddersbøl, som han få år efter også overtog. Efter Erich Zacharias Freetzmanns død skrev præsten Jens Jessen i kirkebogen:

"Han var en ærlig og god mand, der gjorde sin stand ære. Han var den første af min menighed i hvis hus jeg var, ved min ankomst her til kaldet d. 15. april 1764."

Der var to døtre og en søn i ægteskabet, og det blev sønnen, der fik Oddersbøl. Han hed Casper Josva Freetzmann.

CASPER JOSVA FREETZMANN.

Han er døbt i Vigsø den 22. oktober 1741, og han døde i Oddersbøl den 4. maj 1817 af brystsvaghed. I 1770 blev han i Klim gift med Karen Svendsdatter Nørgård. Hun er født ca. 1749 i Klim Nørgård som datter af selvejer, skudeejer og kroholder Svend Nielsen Klim og Anne Nielsdatter Kiib, og hun døde den 3. november 1821 i Oddersbøl.

Efter sin moder Margrethe Hesseldals død i 1796 overtog Casper Josva Freetzmann Oddersbølgård, men allerede i 1804 overdrog han både denne gård og Lille Oddersbøl på tilsammen 8 tdr. hartkorn til sønnen Erich Zacharias Freetzmann for 2000 rdl.

I ægteskabet var der 8 børn, 3 drenge og 5 piger. Den tredjeældste af pigerne hed Mariane Freetzmann, og hun er den næste i stamrækken.

MARIANE FREETZMANN og LARS NIELSEN DIERNIS.

Mariane Freetzmann er født 1779 på Oddersbølgård, og hun blev døbt 5/2 i Hjørdemål kirke. I 1794 blev hun konfirmeret, og den 7/11 år 1800 blev hun gift med selvejer af Diernæsgård i Lild sogn, Lars Nielsen Diernis, hvis anden kone hun blev.

Lars (Laurids) Nielsen er født 1755 i Diernæsgård, og han blev døbt 5/10. Blandt fadderne ved hans dåb var: Anne Nielsdatter i Fuglsang, Jens Federsen Kiær og Niels Wesløs. Han var søn af selvejer Niels Christian Federsen Diernis og Karen Federsdatter, og han overtog fædrenegården i 1786. På dette tidspunkt havde gården været på hans slægts hænder i godt fyrretyve år, idet hans bedsteforældre Feder Christensen (Diernis) og Margrethe Nielsdatter Krarup havde overtaget den i 1742. Lars Nielsens forældre, Niels Christian Federsen Diernis og Karen Federsdatter flyttede efter sønnens overtagelse af gården ud til ejendommen Myrup, som de havde købt af Thøger Pedersen Buxhauge for 395 rdl.

Lars Nielsen Diernis var første gang blevet gift 6/1 1786 med Anne Marie Christensdatter af Rotbøl. Hun blev født i 1770 på Rotbølgård i Lild sogn, og hun var datter af selvejer Christen Jensen Broust og Elisabeth Albrechtsdatter. Hun døde i sommeren år 1800 kun 30 år gammel. I dette ægteskab var der i hvert fald 5 børn, så der var noget for Mariane Freetzmann at se til, da hun sent på året 1800 blev gift med Lars Diernis. De 5 børn var:

- 1) Gjertrud Larsdatter Diernis, født 1786, der blev gift med Christen Christensen, gårdmand og kroholder på Bjerget, siden ejer af Fuglsanggård i Tømmerby. De var forældre til Lars Fuglsang, som der senere skal fortælles om.

- 2) Christen Larsen Diernis, født 1789. Han blev siden ejer af Klimgård i Klim.
- 3) Niels Christian Larsen Diernis, født 1790.
- 4) Albrecht Larsen Diernis, født 1791, der blev kvæghandler og gårdmand i Gøttrup.
- 5) Christen Olesen Larsen Diernis, født 1796, der blev gårdmand i Lund.

Selv fik Mariane Freetzmann 7 børn, der blev voksne.

Ældst var:

- 1) Casper Josva Freetzmann Larsen Diernis, født 5/3 1803, den næste i stamrækken, og som der senere vil blive fortalt mere om.
- 2) Jens Larsen Diernis, født 22/7 1806, der i mange år levede af uldhandel og siden blev husmand i Glæde og gift med Karen Marie Christensen.
- 3) Christen Kold Larsen Diernis, født 8/4 1808, der fik Diernæsgård, og som var forlovet og siden gift med Mette Marie Thomasdatter fra Nørklit.
- 4) Svend Larsen Diernis, født 30/10 1811, der blev gårdmand i Lund og gift 1. gang med enkekone Mette Gregersdatter og 2. gang med Ane Marie Jensdatter.
- 5) Lars Larsen Diernis, født 2/12 1814, der blev gift med sin ældste broder Caspers enke og på denne måde kommer ind i stamrækken.
- 6) Karoline Larsdatter Diernis, født 5/10 1817, der blev gift med gårdejer Christen Jensen Vabesgård i Myrupgård.
- 7) Ane Marie Larsdatter Diernis, født 28/7 1820, der blev gift med Feder Kold Nielsen, husmand og fisker i Hjardemål klit.

Mariane Freetzmann sad enke i mange år i uskiftet bo efter sin mand Lars Nielsen Diernis' død den 1/6 1835 og drev i de første år Diernægård med sønnernes hjælp. Siden boede hun på aftægt hos sønnen Christen Kold Larsen Diernis og efter hans tidlige død i 1853 hos svigerdatteren og dennes anden mand, Lars Jensen Vabesgård.

Den 12/3 1863 døde Mariane Freetzmann mæt af dage, 84 år gammel.

CASPER JOSVA FREETZMANN LARSEN DIERNIS
 HELENE PEDERSDATTER og
 LARS LARSEN DIERNIS.

Ved folketællingen i 1834 levede endnu den gamle Lars Nielsen Diernis på Diernæsgård. Han var da 79 år gammel, og af hans andet kuld børn boede alle hjemme undtagen den ældste søn, Casper Josva Freetzmann Larsen Diernis, der var blevet forpagter i Kærup præstegård i Tømmerby sogn hos præsten Chr. Friis.

Casper Diernis var på dette tidspunkt godt 30 år, idet han var født på Diernæsgård 5/3 1803. Han var opkaldt efter sin morfader Casper Josva Freetzmann på Oddersbøl, og blandt fadderne ved hans dåb var morbroderen Erich Zacharias Freetzmann, mormoderen , madame Karen Svendsdatter Nørgård og farbroderen Lars Christian Diernis på Koldkjærgård.

Forpagter Casper Larsen Diernis var her i 1834 endnu ugift. Hans husholderske hed Helene Pedersdatter, desuden havde han 2 tjenestekarle. Men naturligvis måtte det gå, som det gik: Den 16/12 1836 blev Casper Diernis i Tømmerby kirke gift med Helene Pedersdatter. Hun var fra Arup og døbt den 19/12 1813 som datter af gårdmand Peder Thomassen og Karen Andersdatter. I ægteskabet kom 3 børn, tvillingedrengene Christian Peter Caspersen og Lars Christian Caspersen i 1838, og i 1842 en pige, der blev døbt Sophie Karen Kirstine Marie Caspersen.

Endnu ved folketællingen i 1840 var Casper Larsen Diernis præstegårdsforpagter. Mærkeligt nok er kun sønnen Christian Peter hjemme. Den anden søn, Lars Christian, opholder sig på Diernæsgård hos sin farmoder Mariane Freetzmann og omtales som plejebarn.

Ved datterens dåb i 1842 er Casper Larsen Diernis inderste på gården Rotbøl, men er også ejer af stedet Madsbøl i Hjarde-mål klit. Han nåede aldrig at flytte derud. Måske var han da

allerede ramt af den sygdom, der lagde ham i graven den 12/8 1842 kun 39 år gammel. Sine sidste dage tilbragte han på fødegården Diernæs hos moderen.

Hans enke, Helene Pedersdatter, flyttede med børnene hjem til sine forældre, men i 1844 giftede hun sig med svogeren Lars Larsen Diernis og flyttede med ham ud til Madsbøl ved havet, hvor nu plantørboligen ligger.

Lars Larsen Diernis var født 2/12 1814 på Diernæsgård, og han blev holdt over dåben af Ingeborg Pedersdatter i Oddersbøl, og fadderne var jomf. Lund i Kærup præstegård, Jens Thomassen gdm. i Tømmerby, Jens Christen Christensen gdm. i Rotbøl og Thomas Larsen Lund fra Nørklit.

Ægteskabet blev ikke lykkeligt. Efter en tid begyndte Lars Diernis, der var blevet strandfoged, oftere og oftere at finde sammen med skolelæreren Pedersen Hedegård i Klit for at drikke og spille kort. Det blev opdaget, at der på grund af hans mangelfulde tilsyn blev stjålet af strandingsgodset, og der kom en stor husundersøgelse i Hjardemål klit. Både Hedegård og Lars Diernis blev efter den sat fra deres bestillinger.

Da stedsønnen Lars Christian Caspersen vendte hjem fra fangenskab efter krigen i 1864, var det meste af, hvad hans moder havde bragt med sig ind i sit andet ægteskab, formøblet.

Der kom fire børn i Lars Larsen Diernis og Helene Pedersdatters ægteskab. Den 6/7 1846 fik de en datter, der blev døbt Caspara Larsen Diernis, den 31/1 1850 en søn, der blev døbt Casper Josva Freetzmann Larsen Diernis efter Helenes første mand, den 14/2 1853 en datter, der blev døbt Mariane Larsen Diernis og endelig den 17/8 1855 en søn, der blev døbt Erik Zacharias Freetzmann Larsen Diernis.

Den ene af tvillingerne fra Helene Pedersdatters første ægteskab, Christian Feter, var efter andet ægteskabs indgåelse blevet sat i pleje hos sin fætter, kroholder på Bjerget, Lars Christian Christensen (Fuglsang) gift med Mariane Pedersdatter Rotbøl, og hos dem voksede han op.

Den anden tvilling, Lars Christian, var plejebarn hos sin farmoder på Diernæsgård, til han var 11-12 år, så kom han ud til Madsbøl til sin moder og stedfader, hos hvem han blev, til han var 17.

Helene Pedersdatter blev til sidst separeret fra sin mand Lars Diernis eller Lars Madsbøl, som han også kaldtes. Hun flyttede o. 1865 først til Glæde og siden til Kæret i Lild sogn, hvor hun fik bygget sig et lille hus for de penge, hun havde tilbage, og her levede hun sine sidste år sammen med sønnen Lars Christian, der var blevet enkemand efter et års ægteskab, og så dennes lille datter Helene. Hendes andre børn var efterhånden kommet ud at tjene. Hun nåede at opleve en ny svigerdatter i huset, idet Lars Christian Caspersen giftede sig anden gang den 18/4 1876 med Mariane Olesen.

Den 21/2 1878 døde Helene Pedersdatter. Den lille Helene var alene hjemme hos sin bedstemoder, da døden kom, og hun måtte styrte hen til naboen efter hjælp. Noget hun aldrig glemte.

Efter at have måttet opgive stedet Madsbøl og efter separationen havde Lars Madsbøl bygget sig et lille hus ude i Skiveklit i Hjardemål klit, hvor han levede en noget forhutlet tilværelse. Dog drog han undertiden til Øsløs til sin datter Mariane gift der med gårdejer Feder Jensen for at bo hos dem entid. F. eks. boede han i Øsløs, da folketællingen i 1890 fandt sted, og blev da opført som medhjælper.

I 1891, den 26. marts, døde han i Hjardemål, og havde da boet sin sidste tid hos datteren Caspara, gift med husmand Lars Christian Nielsen (Dommerby).

CHRISTIAN PETER CASPERSEN og ANE MARIE JEPSEN
og deres børn.

Christian Peter Caspersen blev født den 25/3 1838 i forpagterboligen til Kærup præstegård i Tømmerby. Ved hans dåb var der følgende faddere: Jomf. Hude, præstens svigerinde, ungpige Ane Marie Larsdatter fra Diernæs, gdm. Lars Chr. Nielsen fra Kolkjær, Christen Pedersen på Bjerget og ungkarl Lars Larsen Diernis.

Som ganske lille dreng blev han - som tidligere nævnt - sat i pleje hos fætteren, kroholder på Bjerget Lars Christensen (Fuglsang) gift med Mariane Pedersdatter Rotbøl, og de blev ham nogle gode plejeforældre. Engang lige efter, at han var blevet sendt hjemmefra, løb han hjem tudbrølende til sin rigtige moder. Helene Pedersdatter tørrede bare sønnens øjne, gav ham et rent forklæde på, drejede ham rundt og sendte ham så tilbage op på Bjerget. - Endnu i hans høje alderdom kunne man mærke hans bitterhed mod moderen, når han fortalte om den uudslettelige episode i hans liv.

Den 18/4 1852 blev han sammen med sin tvillingbroder konfirmeret i Tømmerby kirke. Han stod nr. 1 på kirkegulvet, og han fik for sine kundskaber karakteren UG og for opførsel Rosværdig.

I 1854 rejste han til Thisted for at komme i købmandslære. Lars Fuglsang syntes ikke, at der var nogen fremtid for drengen ved landbruget. Efter udstået læretid kom han til storkøbmanden Thomas Dige i Øsløs, der snart sendte ham til Thorup Strand for at bestyre en filial der med bl. a. skudehandel på Norge, men Chr. P. Caspersen ville være selvstændig og drog til Arup og åbnede en lille købmandsbutik. Her traf han den pige, der skulle blive hans kone, Ane Marie Jepsen, der var født 25/4 1850. Hendes forældre var annexhusmand Jeppe Christensen (Smed) og Karen Christiansdatter.

Ane Marie medbragte en medgift på 2000 rdl. - En stor sum penge dengang.

Her i Arup blev deres første barn, datteren Helene, født 8/11 1878. Men nu kom der bud fra fætteren og plejefaderen Lars Fuglsang, der på denne tid købte og solgte gårde i stor målestok, og som netop havde overtaget gårdene Overgård og Nedergård i Tømmerby, om ikke Chr. P. Caspersen kunne tænke sig at overtage Nedergård. Han slog til og flyttede til Tømmerby med sin familie, som var blevet udvidet med søsteren Maries datter, Karoline Thomsen. I den ene ende af stuehuset åbnede han en købmandsbutik og drev så samtidig gården med karl og pige.

Chr. P. Caspersen var en dygtig købmand, men måske ikke den bedste forretningsmand. Han var for langmodig med kreditten og oplevede at måtte standse sine betalinger. Han fik dog til sidst betalt enhver sit, men opgav butikken. Så begyndte han at drive gården selv. Han kunne lide arbejdet, men det var svært, når man ikke havde været ved det fra barnsben. I det hele taget blev tilværelsen på gården noget strengere for ham og hans familie. Chr. P. var en principfast mand og uden dikkedarer, men han var nok ikke så praktisk. Det var så til gengæld Ane Marie Jepsen.

Her på Nedergård voksede en stor børneflk op i et nøjsomt og gudfrygtigt hjem. Et hjem, der meget lignede det, Jeppe Åkjær så smukt synger om i sine sange, "Spurven sidder stum bag kvist" og "Nu er det længe siden".

Christian Caspersen og hans kone sluttede sig til den voksende grundtvigske frimenighedsbevægelse i Hanherrederne. De blev nære venner af præsten Søren Anker Møller i Klim, og Christian Caspersen blev en af initiativtagerne ved oprettelsen i 1881 af friskolen i Tømmerby, som endog i de første år de 3 dage om ugen holdtes på Nedergård, de andre 3 dage i Skadhauge.

Under 1. verdenskrig overdrog Chr. Caspersen sin gård til sønnen Kristian og gik på aftægt. Der blev indrettet en lille lejlighed til de to gamle i gavlenden, hvor der engang havde været butik og kontor, og de fik der endnu nogle gode år sammen. Den 15/12 1923 døde Ane Marie Jepsen 73 år gammel, og gamle Chr. P. Caspersen flyttede så et par år efter sammen med datteren Kathrine over på den anden side vejen i Gammel Tuenhus, et gammelt stråttækt hus, som en anden datter, Marie, der var blevet skolebestyrerinde i København, havde købt til feriehus, og her døde han den 10/8 1928 godt 90 år gammel.

Christian Peter Caspersen og Ane Marie Caspersen havde følgende børn:

- 1) HELENE KASPERSEN, født i Arup 8/11 1878, død i Ørbæk 30/10 1958. Som ung var hun i mange år kokkepige på Høng landbrugsskole og siden hos konsul Kold, svoger til forfatteren Jakob Knudsen. Endnu går der i hendes efterslægt frasagn om, hvor korrekt alt skulle være, når han kom på besøg. Og hvor de sang.

Den 10/5 1909 blev hun i Tømmerby kirke gift med Peter Christoffer Petersen, der var født 2/6 1875 i Oplev i Gravlev sogn, død i Ørbæk 1931, søn af gårdejer Christoffer Pedersen og Else Nielsen. Peter Christoffer Petersen havde gården Trehøjgård i Ørbæk i Kornum sogn. Den drives nu af en søn.

I ægteskabet er der 4 børn.

- 2) KAREN MARIE KASPERSEN, født i Tømmerby 9/3 1880. Død som ganske lille.
- 3) VILHELM JOSVA KASPERSEN, født i Tømmerby 28/5 1881, død s. st. 20/8 1961. Uddannet ved landbruget. Gift i Tømmerby 5/5 1920 med Margrethe Kathrine Mikkelsen, født 21/3 1890, død i Tømmerby 26/5 1955, datter af husmand i Kærup Holme Peder Chr. Mikkelsen og Ane Marie Sørensen. Havde i mange år en gård i Tømmerby, der nu drives af den yngste søn.

I ægteskabet er der to sønner.

- 4) KAREN MARIE KASPERSEN, født i Tømmerby 3/7 1883, død i Hunstrup 6/5 1968, beg. i Tømmerby. Tjente som ung et stykke tid hos morbroderen, manufakturhandler Niels Chr. Jepsen i Løgstør. Gift 15/4 1908 med smed i Frøstrup Christen Smed Christensen (siden navneforandring til Strømgård), født 23/2 1879 i Nors sogn, søn af Lars Christen Severin Christensen og Christiane Hansen.

De købte siden Hunstrupgård i Hunstrup og boede til sidst i et lille hus i samme by.

I ægteskabet er der en søn.

- 5) ANNA KASPERSEN, født i Tømmerby 30/4 1885, død i Øsløs 5/10 1948. Hun blev 30/4 1914 i Tømmerby gift med sin fætter Lars Jensen, født i Øsløs 17/12 1888, død s. st. 1/9 1941, søn af gårdejer Peder Jensen og Mariane Larsen Djernes. De havde en lille gård i Øsløs, og her voksede deres 4 børn op.

- 6) KATHRINE KASPERSEN, født i Tømmerby 21/9 1886, død s. st. 30/10 1956. Var som ung husbestyrerinde forskellige steder. Boede siden sammen med sin fader i hans sidste år i Gl. Tuenhus. Førte en overgang hus for søsteren, skolebestyrerinde Marie Kaspersen i København. Købte så et lille hus i nærheden af Nedergård, hvor hun var født, og her levede hun resten af sit liv.

Hun var en meget dygtig væverske og havde også en overgang vandrerhjem. Hun var ugift, men opdrog en plejedatter.

- 7) KRISTIAN KASPERSEN, født i Tømmerby 2/10 1888, død s. st. 10/2 1960. Han overtog i 1915 Nedergård ved sit giftermål med Kristine Mortensen, der var født på Himmerland i Hemdrup by, Salling sogn, 11/7 1892, død i Tømmerby 9/9 1970, datter af gårdbestyrer Søren Mortensen og Maren Kathrine Jensen.

Kr. Kaspersen drev Nedergård som et mønsterbrug, og han var en afholdt og dygtig sognerådsformand i mange år.

I ægteskabet er der 6 børn.

8) MARIE KASPERSEN, den yngste i flokken fra Nedergård.
Har taget initiativet til udarbejdelsen af denne slægts-
bog og skriver selv - i sit 82. år:

Født 13. aug. 1890 i Tømmerby. Gik som sine søskende
i egnens lille gode friskole. Regnedes for noget uartig,
men fik dog tak fra en ny lærerinde for hjælp med de
store drenge. "Erik Menveds Barndom" og "Hjortens Flugt"
blev læst højt i timerne. Salmer og sange var til alles
daglige glæde. Og dansk, regning og historie blev ikke
forsømt.

Efter skolen tjente Marie et år hos sin kusine,
Marie Nielsen (Dommerby), gift med Tidemann Nørgård.
Derefter var hun en vinter på fortsættelsesskole og et
år på Fjerritslev realskole, hvorefter præliminæreksamen
blev taget på universitetet i København. 1907 - 10 var
M. K. lærerinde i Fuglsang privatskole i Tårs i Vendsyssel,
og 1910 - 14 i Arup friskole ved Limfjorden. Så kom en
vinter på Høng udvidede højskole og derefter ved for-
stander Thormod Jørgensen og lærernes hjælp et år på
skolens studenterkursus afsluttet med studentereksamen
i 1916, holdt på Politeknisk Lærestalt. -

1916 - 23 student ved universitetet, med forskel-
ligt arbejde undervejs. Til sidst et vikariat på Rysen-
steen gymnasium, hvad der førte til timer på N. Zahles
seminarium fra 1922 - 55. Embedseksamen i 1923. Samme
år ansat som leder af Christianshavns Døttreskole af 1799.
Gik af i 1950. Nu et lykkeligt otium på sin hjemegn i
Ny Tuenhus. Havde gennem de fleste af årene lejrskole i
Gl. Tuenhus for en klasse fra skolen.

Ved Christianshavns Døttreskoles 150 års jubilæum
i 1949 modtog M. K. den kgl. belønningsmedalje af 1.
klasse med krone.

Ugift.

LARS CHRISTIAN CASPERSEN

MAREN ANDERSDATTER

MARIANE OLESEN

og deres børn.

Lars Chr. Caspersen blev født den 25/3 1838 i forpagterboligen til Kærup præstegård og var altså tvillingbroder til Christian P. Caspersen. Ved dåben fik han følgende faddere: Caroline Larsdatter fra Diernæsgård, gårdejer Casper Josva Larsen Kolkjær og gårdejer Christen Olesen Larsen i Lund.

Lars Chr. Caspersen og hans tvillingbroder blev tidligt skilt fra hinanden. Lars blev - som tidligere nævnt - plejebarn på Diernæsgård hos farmoderen, Mariane Preetzmann, og her var han, til han var ca. 12 år. Så blev han hentet hjem til Madsbøl til sin rigtige moder og hendes anden mand, Lars Larsen Diernis. Han var jo nu stor nok til at kunne gøre nytte på gården. Sytten år gammel rejste han fra Hjarde-mål Klit til Lild, hvor han blev karl på kroen. Ved folketællingen i 1860 var han stadig på kroen hos kroejer Albrecht Rotbøl Pedersen.

Så blev han indkaldt til hæren og var soldat i to omgange, og da krigen kom i 1864, måtte han med. Under kampene ved Dybbøl blev han taget til fange og måtte vandre i fangenskab i Rendsborg, og her sad han i to måneder, inden han kunne slippe hjem. Han gik på sine ben hele den lange vej op igennem Jylland sammen med en ven, og da han endelig nåede hjem til moderen og stedfaderen i Madsbøl, var det, at han fandt ud af, at stedfaderen på det nærmeste havde formøblet alt.

Ca. 1865 flyttede han med moderen og den lille halvbroder Erik Zacharias først til Glæde og siden til Kæret i Lild sogn. Den 6/11 1868 giftede han sig i Lild kirke med Maren Andersdatter, men boede stadig sammen med sin moder, Helene Pedersdatter, i det lille hus på vejen ud til Lildstrand,

Maren Andersdatter var fra Øsløs, hvor hun var født den 12/4 1836 i Øsløs Bisgård som datter af indsidder Anders Chr. Nielsen Wixøe og Elisabeth Christiansdatter. Året efter fik de en lille datter, der blev døbt Helene, men den 16/1 1870 døde Maren Andersdatter, og Helene Pedersdatter måtte nu klare husholdningen for sin søn og den lille sønne datter. - Erik Zacharias var kommet ud at tjene som sine andre søskende. Lars Caspersen fiskede fra Lildstænd i åben båd, et farefuldt og hårdt liv, og gik så den lange vej fra havet med sin fangst - hvis der da havde været nogen - i en kurv på ryggen eller i en trillebør. Meget kunne det ikke kaste af sig. Der hørte en lille jordlod til huset, hvor der græssede nogle får og et par køer, men der var ikke mange penge at rutte med.

Den 18/4 1876 giftede Lars Chr. Caspersen sig 2. gang med Mariane Olesen. Hun var født på Kjæret den 20/8 1853, og hun var datter af indsidder og tækker Ole Nielsen og Ann Kirstine Larsen. Der kom efterhånden 12 børn i dette ægteskab (den første var dødfødt), så der var mange munde at mætte.

Som sin tvillingbroder blev Lars Caspersen (Madsbøl) en gammel mand. Han døde den 27/11 1920. Mariane Olesen døde den 19/6 1931.

De havde følgende børn:

- 1) HELENE LARSEN DJERNÆS, født i Lild 29/7 1869, død 19/7 1948 i Nebraska. Hun var næsten 10 år, da hun fik sin første halvbroder, og måske følte hun sig efterhånden lidt til overs blandt de mange halvsøskende, hun med tiden fik. Som ganske ung rejste hun til Amerika, og her blev hun gift med Niels Eriksen, der var født den 2/4 1864, død den 12/5 1933 i Nebraska. De havde en gård nær Marquette. I ægteskabet var der 5 døtre.

2) MARTIN LARSEN DJERNES, født i Lild den 28/7 1878,
død i Nebraska 12/3 1940.

Han udvandrede i 1892 til Amerika, kun 14 år gammel. Han løj om sin alder og sagde, at han var 17. På det skib, han var med, udbrød der kolera, og det blev dirigeret til Halifax i Canada i stedet for New York, og alle passagerernes ejendele blev brændt. Fortsatte videre til sin onkel Erik Zacharias og tante Maren, hvor han tjente og samtidig gik på skole for at lære sproget. Arbejdede siden på forskellige gårde i Minnesota og fik sig til sidst en hest, og hans barndomsdrøm var gået i opfyldelse. "Havde jeg kunnet få mig en hest hjemme, var jeg aldrig rejst til U.S.A.", sagde han engang. Han drog til sidst tilbage til Nebraska, hvor han hos søsteren Helenes svoger, Jens Eriksen, traf den pige, der skulle blive hans kone, Christine Marie Nielsen. Hun er datter af tømrer, hjulmager og farmer Rasmus Nielsen, indvandret i 1880 fra Falster, og Johanne Amalie Nielsen, indvandret ligeledes i 1880 fra Lystrup i Sønderjylland. Christine Nielsen er født 2/9 1886, og hun og Martin Djernes giftede sig den 22/5 1904.

De havde med tiden flere forskellige farme, men så fik Martin ved et ulykkestilfælde under sprøjtning af træer sprøjtevæske i begge øjne og blev blind. De beholdt alligevel farmen i mange år derefter, men Christine fik dobbelt arbejde. Martin var - skønt blind - ikke uvirksom. Han skar de dejligste ting i træ.

Den 15/3 1940 døde Martin Djernes. Farmen blev solgt, og Christine Djernes tog arbejde som husbestyrerinde og var det i mange år, indtil hun på sine gamle dage er flyttet til Aurora i Nebraska.

I hendes og Martin Djernes' ægteskab er der 3 børn.

3) CASPER JOSVA PREETZMANN LARSEN DJERNÆS, født i Lild den 5/4 1880, død i Clearbrook, Minnesota, den 13/2 1965.

Han udvandrede som 17 årig i 1887 til U.S.A. og boede først hos sin onkel Casper Larsen Djernes i Tyler, Minnesota, hvor han hjalp til på gården. Han traf her i Tyler Alma Christine Hansen, født i Barrington, Illinois, den 8/4 1877, som han ægtede den 30/6 1902 i Charwater County. Hun døde den 14/2 1961.

Hele livet igennem var Casper Djernes farmer i Clearbrook. Han var en særdeles dygtig landmand og gik under navnet "the Dairy King of Clearwater County".

I ægteskabet var 5 børn, hvoraf 2 var dødfødte.

4) OLE LARSEN DJERNÆS, født i Lild den 19/8 1881, død i Canada den 25/3 1952.

Han udvandrede som ung til U.S.A. og arbejdede i mange år på forskellige farme i Nebraska. Købte så jord i Canada og var sine sidste år farmer der.

Han var ugift.

5) ANTON KRISTIAN LARSEN DJERNÆS, født i Lild den 27/4 1883, død den 18/3 1919 i Nebraska af spansk syge.

Han udvandrede som ung til Amerika og fik med tiden en farm nær Marquette i Nebraska. Han blev den 8/3 1911 gift med Karen Hemmingsen, der var født den 18/7 1884, død den 13/1 1968.

I deres ægteskab var der 4 børn.

6) PEDER LARSEN DJERNÆS, født i Lild den 22/8 1884, død i Nebraska den 17/4 1961.

Han udvandrede i 1906 til U.S.A. og arbejdede i nogle år på gårde nær Marquette i Nebraska. Var med i 1. verdenskrig og gik siden med post i 33 år.

Han var ugift.

- 7) GERTHA MARIE LARSEN DJERNÆS, født i Lild, den 19/6 1886. Hun blev den 7/1c 191c gift i Lild kirke med husmand Olaf Ferdinand Nielsen. Han er født på Kjærup Hede den 26/5 1886. Hans moder var Bolette Marie Larsen, og hans fader var Frants Nielsen fra Nors.

Ferdinand Nielsen kom i pleje hos husmandsfolkene Niels Chr. Kristensen og Signe Kristensen i Glæde, og han overtog siden deres ejendom. Her boede Ferdinand og Marie Nielsen i 53 år, så flyttede de til Skovsted, hvor de nu bor i et lille hus i nærheden af datteren Anna Christoffersen.

I ægteskabet er der 2 døtre.

- 8) LUCAS LARSEN DJERNÆS, født i Lild den 20/8 1887, død i Central City i Nebraska, den 27/9 1970.

Han udvandrede i 1907 til U.S.A. og tog som sine brødre og søstre først til familie for at lære sproget. Han blev den 26/8 1933 gift med lærerinde Llewella Ehrsam Niday, der da var enke med 2 børn. Hun er født den 1c/3 1900 og er datter af Henry Ehrsam og Armenta Good Ehrsam. Lucas Djernes havde en farm i nærheden af Central City. Den er nu overtaget af ægteparrets fælles søn, Lucas Lyle.

3 børn (hvoraf de 2 er fra Llewellas første ægteskab.)

- 9) STINE NICOLINE LARSEN DJERNÆS, født i Lild den 18/2 1890, død i Nebraska den 30/11 1964.

Som så mange af sine søskende udvandrede hun til U.S.A., hvor hun den 18/4 1915 blev gift med fynboen Christian Carl Hansen, der var født den 4/3 1891, død i Nebraska den 28/7 1941. De havde en farm i nærheden af Marquette i Nebraska.

I ægteskabet var der 3 børn.

- 10) JOHANNES LARSEN DJERNÆS, født i Lild den 16/5 1892. Uddannet ved landbruget. Gift den 17/6 1917 med Elna Vibe Pedersen. Hun er født den 10/10 1888 i Plovslund ved Billund og er datter af gårdejer John Pedersen og Ane Vibe.

Johannes Djernæs havde først i mange år ejendommen Krog i Glæde. Siden købte han Damgård i Hundborg. Gården drives nu af ægteparrets eneste barn, sønnen Jon Djernæs.

- 11) DUSINIUS LARSEN DJERNÆS, født i Lild den 12/6 1893, død s. st. 9/9 1939. Ved folketællingen i 1911 boede han på Bjerget hos landbruger Kasper Chr. Jensen og Johanne Jørgensen. Boede siden sammen med moderen og flyttede efter hendes død ud til søsteren Marie og dennes mand Ferdinand Nielsen i Glæde.

Han var ugift.

- 12) LOUISE MARIE LARSEN DJERNÆS, født i Lild den 23/9 1895. Hun var en tid bestyrerinde for Try alderdomshjem i Frøstrup. Gift den 7/5 1927 med snedkermester Ejnar Eriksen i Frøstrup, født den 21/8 1895 i Frøstrup, død s. st. den 9/9 1969. Han var søn af tømrer Peder Eriksen og Kirstine Eriksen.

Har en adoptivsøn.

SOPHIE KAREN KIRSTINE MARIE CASPERSEN

og hendes to døtre.

I 1842 fik Casper J. P. L. Diernis og Helene Pedersdatter deres 3. og sidste barn, en lille pige, der blev født den 29/1 i Lild kort før faderens død. I dåben fik hun navnene Sophie Karen Kirstine Marie Caspersen, og hendes faddere var ved fremstillingen i kirken den 26/6 1842: gårdkone Mariane Jensdatter i Koldkjær, Karen Jensdatter på Bjerget, gdm. Anders Rotbøl i Kærup, Jens Jensen i Rotbøl og Svend Diernis i Lund.

Marie Caspersen blev født på Rotbølgård, hvor faderen omtales som inderste, men ejer af stedet Madsbøl. I 1844 giftede moderen, Helene Pedersdatter, sig - som tidligere nævnt - med sin svoger, Lars Larsen Diernis, og ægteparret flyttede ud til Madsbøl i Hjardemål Klit. Herude ved havet voksede Marie op sammen med de fire halvsøskende, der siden kom til. Tidligt kom hun ud at tjene, som man gjorde det dengang. Man fortæller, at hun var vokset op til at blive en stor skønhed og måske også noget letsindig.

I 1861 tjente hun hos Christen Kvolsgård på Bjerget. I 1868 var hun i Haverslev, men vendte så året efter tilbage til Lild, hvorefter hun blev pige i huset hos sin afdøde faster Karolines mand, Christen Jensen Vabesgård i Myrupgård. Året efter i 1871 den 10/6 er det, at hun hjemme hos sin moder og broder på Kjæret får en lille datter, der blev døbt Karoline Thomsen, opkaldt efter den afdøde faster, Karoline Larsdatter Diernis, fra Myrupgård. Faderen var den 35 årige avlskarl i gården Aldershvile i Vesløs, Niels Christian Thomsen, og han vedgik faderskabet. Han var født i Amtoft den 1/6 1835, og han var søn af husmand Thomas Christensen og Birthe Marie Godichsdatter. Den lille Karoline kom i pleje hos sin morbroder Christian P. Caspersen i Nedergård i Tømmerby, da hun var blevet 7-8

år gammel, og siden, da hun skulle gå til konfirmationsforberedelse, hos mosteren, Mariane Jensen, i Øslød.

I året 1878 den 3/3 fik Marie Caspersen i Bjørns-holm på Himmerland døbt en lille pige, der fik navnene Ane Marie Jensen. Faderen skal have været Anders Jensen fra Nørgård i Vust. Han var søn af gårdejer Jens Andersen og Ane Marie Jacobsdatter, og han var født i 1850. De unge måtte ikke få hinanden, og Anders Jensen udvandrede til Amerika, men vendte siden hjem og bosatte sig i Vilsted.

Marie Caspersen rejste hjem til sit fødesogn med sin lille pige og tog plads som husbestyrerinde. Ved folketællingen i 1890 er hun igen i Myrupgård. Det er nu fatteren, Kasper Christensen Djernes Vabesgård, der er husfader, mens den gamle onkel Christen Jensen Vabesgård er gået på aftægt. Hos sig har Marie sin lille datter Ane Marie.

En familietradition fortæller, at den ældste datter, Karoline, fik sig en frier, som hun afviste, hvorefter han friede til moderen. I hvert tilfælde giftede Marie sig i Lild kirke den 26/4 1895 med husmand i Lund, Niels Chr. Nielsen. Han var enkemand og var 1. gang gift med Ane Kathrine Christensen, der døde den 5/10 1892. Niels Chr. Nielsen (Christen Søndermølle som han kaldtes) var født i Thisted den 22/5 1859 som søn af arbejdsmand Anders Nielsen og Ingeborg Cathrine Christensen, og han døde på Kjæret den 1/1 1927.

Ægteparret fik nogle år sammen i husmandsstedet i Lund, men den 18/12 1913 døde Marie i Lund, og Christen Søndermølle giftede sig 3. gang med Karen Marie Larsen og flyttede til Kjæret.

Sophie Karen Kirstine Marie Caspersens to døtre var:

1) KAROLINE (CAROLINE) THOMSEN, født i Lild den 10/6 1871, død i Saten Island, New York, den 24/2 1951.

Som tidligere nævnt boede hun i sin barndom hos morbroderen, Christian P. Caspersen i Tømmerby, og hun mindedes siden altid den tid som en lykkelig tid. Især elskede hun at få lov til at føre bøgerne for sin onkel. Da hun skulle til at gå til konfirmationsforberedelse, bestemte moderen, at hun skulle flytte ud til mosteren, Mariane Djernes i Øsløs, gift med gårdejer Peder Jensen, og herude blev hun konfirmeret.

Hun ville gerne have været lærerinde eller kjolesyerske, men moderen var imod det, og da slægtninge fortalte hende, at hun bedre kunne komme frem i Amerika, besluttede hun at udvandre. Sammen med en veninde rejste hun af sted og kom i maj 1894 til New Jersey. Mod moderens ønske blev hun her i stedet for at rejse til sin onkel Erik Zacharias. Hun tog arbejde hos en intellektuel familie med børn for hurtigt at lære sproget. Skiftede et par gange job og forbedrede for hver gang sin stilling. I 1901, da hun var hos familien Corbin i Metuchen, New Jersey, blev hun gift med Niels Christian Petersen, der var født i Sønderjylland den 7/8 1869.

Ægteparret flyttede til Elisabeth, New Jersey, hvor Niels Petersen byggede 5 huse, som han alle mistede på grund af strejker. Der kom hårde tider for familien, især for Caroline, men en stærk og grænseløs gudstro gav hende en åndelig styrke, der varede til hendes dødsdag.

Niels Petersen var 17 år gammel sammen med to brødre flygtet over grænsen til Danmark for at slippe for at blive indkaldt til den tyske hær og rejste så videre med dem til U.S.A., hvor de alle blev murere og tømrere. Niels Petersen var en drømmernatur og samtidig ambitiøs. Han arbejdede på mange opfindelser - også en perpetuum mobile, men hans mange forehavender slog fejl, og han begyndte at drikke.

Da han ikke længere kunne eller ville underholde sin familie, blev ægteparret separeret. Det var i 1917. Alene måtte Caroline tage kampen op for sine 5 børn og sig selv og gjorde det uden at kny. Det blev en hård kamp for det daglige brød, og tidligt kom børnene ud at arbejde for at være med til at opretholde hjemmet. Dertil kom store sorger, bl. a. mistede Caroline sin ældste søn, da han kun var 36 år gammel, og en anden søn - den yngste - Raymond, blev skudt ned af japanerne, da han fløj med sin maskine over Stillehavet under 2. verdenskrig.

Sine sidste år boede Caroline hos datteren Anna Marie (Anne) Petersen Paull, nu Mrs. Richard F. Lane, og fik nogle gode år hos hende. I 1948 mistede Anne sin mand og trængte til at komme lidt væk og rejste så med sin gamle moder til Danmark, og Caroline Thomsen nåede således at gense sin fødestavn.

Hun og Niels Christian Petersen havde 5 børn.

2) ANE MARIE JENSEN. Hun blev som tidligere nævnt født på Himmerland den 3/3 1878, og hun døde i Lild den 17/1 1965. 0. år 1900 tjente hun i Djernæsgård hos sin familie der og oplevede gårdens totale nedbrænden i 1905. På samme tid tjente på gården den mand, hun skulle blive gift med, og den 23/3 1906 blev hun i Lild kirke gift med Knudsen Andreas Nielsen. Han er født i Lild den 26/12 1881 og er søn af tækker og husmand Niels Brix Christensen og Ane Knudsen.

Ægteparret fik sig et lille husmandssted i Lund, men Knudsen var samtidig noget af en altnuligmand. Ved hans 90 års fødselsdag blev der sagt af en taler: "Skulle der slagtes en gris, sættes en rude i, slagtes gæs, klippes får eller mures, så blev der sendt bud efter Knudsen."

Ane Marie og Knudsen Nielsen nåede næsten at kunne holde diamantbryllup. - Knudsen bor nu på alderdomshjemmet i Frøstrup.

I ægteskabet er der 3 børn.

CASPARA (SARA) LARSEN DIERNIS og
 LARS CHRISTIAN NIELSEN (DOMMERBY) og
 deres børn.

Den 6/7 1846 fik Helene Pedersdatter og hendes 2. mand, Lars Larsen Diernis i Madsbøl deres første barn, en pige, der i dåben fik navnene Caspara Larsen Diernis. Ved sin dåb fik hun følgende faddere: Svend Diernis' kone fra Lund, gdm. Jens Diernis fra Rotbøl, Kasper Oddersbøl, Kold Diernis fra Diernæs og skolelærer Pedersen.

Hun voksede op herude i Hjørdemål Klits storslåede natur, hvilket naturligt måtte præge hende. Tidligt kom hun ud at tjene, og hun tjente i Myrupgård hos sin onkel Christen Jensen Vabesgård, da hun den 6/11 1868 i Lild kirke - samme dag og sted, som halvbroderen Lars Christian Caspersen blev gift - blev gift med husmand Lars Christian Nielsen fra Hjørdemål Klit. Han var født den 8/1 1842 i Tved sogn og var søn af annexgårdmand i Sønderby, Niels Christian Pedersen Sjælland og Else Marie Christensdatter. Faderen døde allerede i 1844, og moderen giftede sig året efter med den 10 år yngre Jens Jensen Dommerby, der da var karl i Nors præstegård. På sine gamle dage boede Jens Dommerby hos sin stedsøn, og navnet Dommerby blev naturligt hægtet på hans børn og ham selv.

Lars Christian Nielsen, der også blev strandfoged, og Caspara Diernis skabte et godt hjem for deres 6 børn herude i Klit, men de måtte slide i det.

Den 24/11 1899 døde Lars Dommerby kun 57 år gammel, og det lille sted blev drevet videre af Sara Dommerby med sønnen Edvard som hjælper. I 30 år sad hun enke og blev hele familiens elskede faster og moster Sara. Hendes niece, Marie Kaspersen, fortæller: "Vi fik altid en hjertelig modtagelse af vores elskelige faster Sara, også når vi kom uventet. Og snart lød ordren til vor gode fætter Edvard: Kan du ikke lige gå til sønen og se, om der ikke i rusen skulle være en suder. Og der var altid flere. - Så fik vi stegte suder og kogte

andæg ved et festligt bord i den pæne stue...

Da jeg som 14 årig tjente hos hendes datter Marie, gift med Tidemann Nørregård, kørte vi engang tørv hjem. Jeg tog imod dem på loftet og fik noget i øjet. Da vi var færdige, bad jeg om at måtte gå over til faster Sara, som kunne vende et øjelåg. Marie blev forskrækket over, at jeg ikke havde sagt noget. Jeg stavede ud til faster Sara og fik hende vækket, og den venlige pige, Karoline, - der siden blev gift med Edvard - måtte tænde lys og hjælpe ved operationen, der lykkedes, og jeg blev puttet i seng, hvor jeg sank hen i Nirvana i alle faster Saras dynær....

En anden gang kom vi et par stykker gående derud en søndag eftermiddag. Faster Sara sad ved bordenden - under sin mands billede - med Bibelen foran sig og lyttede til en prædiken gennem den radio, som hendes søn Herman i Amerika havde givet hende. Uden et ord gled vi ned på stole og ventede, til gudstjenesten var forbi."

Den 7/12 1929 døde Caspara Larsdatter Diernis.

Hun og Lars Dommerby havde 6 børn:

1) JENS PETER NIELSEN (NELSON), født i Hjardemål Klit den 16/1 1870, død i Nebraska den 4/3 1930.

Som ung udvandrede han i 1886 til U.S.A. og opholdt sig i den første tid hos sin onkel Zacharias i Marquette i Nebraska. Siden arbejdede han i South Platte Creamy Company. Efter sit giftermål i 1899 rejste han med sin kone til Clancy i Montana, og her arbejdede han ved jernbanen til 1904. Vendte så tilbage til Nebraska og bosatte sig med sin familie i Stromsburg, hvor han overtog en fragtrute med hestevogn. I 1912 blev han farmer syd for Benedict, og her på gården levede han med sin familie til sin død i 1930.

Han giftede sig den 26/10 1899 i Hordville, Nebraska, med Augusta Mathilda Larsen, der er født den 29/1 1879 i Polk County, Nebraska. Hun er datter af Johan Larsen og Johanna Christina Johnson, begge udvandret fra Sverige i 1875. Augusta Larsen Nelson bor nu på et plejehjem i Fremont, Nebraska. I ægteskabet er der 4 børn.

2) ELSE MARIE KAROLINE NIELSEN, tvilling, født den 28/9 1872 i Hjardemål Klit, død s. st. 15/2 1946.

Hun blev i 1898 gift med gårdmand Tidemann Nørgård i Klit. Han blev født der den 8/4 1875 og døde s. st. 11/7 1950. Han var søn af gårdejer i Klit Jens Tidemansen Nørgård og hustru Petrine Hansen.

Tidemann og Marie Nørgård oparbejdede en god gård på den nøjsomme jord og bragte et stort stykke hede under plov. De havde 4 børn. Den eneste datter, Sara, døde som ung af tæring. På selve hendes begravelsesdag brændte stuehuset.

3) LARS CHRISTIAN NIELSEN (NELSON), tvilling, født i Hjardemål Klit, den 28/9 1872, død i Montana ca. 1904. Som sin storebroder udvandrede han o. 1890 til Staterne. Også han drog først til sin onkel Zacharias i Marquette, som han arbejdede hos, mens han lærte sproget. Siden arbejdede han sammen med sin broder på forskellige gårde og rejste så til Clancy i Montana. Han blev gift med Josephine Nelson og flyttede til Great Falls. Her arbejdede han ved jernbanen som jernbanebrandmand. Ca. 1904 omkom han ved en drukneulykke i Missouri floden.

I ægteska bet var der en datter.

4) EDVARD KRISTIAN NIELSEN (fra 1910 i følge bevilling DOMMERBY), født i Hjardemål Klit den 23/3 1877, død på Frøstrup alderdomshjem den 16/7 1956.

Han var i mange år bestyrer for sin moder og overtog efter hendes død den lille gård. Han blev gift med Karoline Vabesgård, der havde tjent hos hans moder. Hun var født den 10/5 1887 i Lild og døde den 19/7 1938 i Hjardemål Klit. Hun var datter af husmand i Glæde Jens Roesen Vabesgård og hustru Andrea Jensen.

Edvard og Karoline Dommerby havde ingen børn.

5) HERMAN NIELSEN (NELSON), født i Hjardemål Klit den 23/1 1880, død i Grand Island, Nebraska, den 21/5 1965.

Han blev udlært som tømrer og var en tid på Haslev højskole. Udvandrede i 1903 til U.S.A. , hvor han de første år arbejdede ved jernbanen i Montana i afdelingen for bro-bygnings- og anlægsarbejder. Det var nogle strenge år, men han fik da tjent så mange penge, at han i 1905 kunne rejse hjem til Danmark og hente sin brud. Den 28/11 blev han i Østerild kirke gift med Elise Jensen Andersen, født i Thisted den 1/3 1885, død i Grand Island den 17/8 1955, datter af mekanikus Jens Peter Andersen og hustru Kirsten Jensen.

Efter brylluppet gik det atter tilbage til Staterne, men på vejen til Montana blev parret standset i Grand Island af en vældig snestorm og kunne ikke komme videre. Herman løb tør for penge og tog sig et job, - og de kom aldrig videre til Montana, men blev resten af deres liv i Grand Island, hvad de ikke fortrød. Nogle år arbejdede Herman Nelson for forskellige firmaer, men i 1908 begyndte han en tømmerhandel for sig selv, og i 1913 oprettede han "Nelson Lumber and Supply Company", som han virkede i lige til sin død, og som nu føres videre af sønnen Norman.

Herman Nelson var medlem af Trinity Methodist Church, Det danske Broderskab og Liederkranz Society. Fra 1918-21 sad han i byens skolekommission som leder af byggeafdelingen.

Herman og Elise Nelson havde 2 sønner og 1 datter.

6) CASPER AUGUSTINUS NIELSEN (fra 1904 i følge bevilling DOMMERBY), født i Hjardemål Klit den 28/8 1882, død i Frøstrup den 26/12 1962.

Handelsuddannet. Blev brugsforeningsuddeler i Hassing, siden i Snedsted. Blev så selvstændig købmand i Hørdum, siden i Snevre ved Hjørring og til sidst i Frøstrup.

Han blev den 28/4 1908 gift i Hillerslev kirke med Anine Pedersen Odde, der var født i Hillerslev den 21/1 1883,

død i Frøstrup den 9/7 1955. Hun var datter af gårdejer Jens Pedersen Odde og hustru Inger Odde, men blev som ganske lille plejedatter hos sin onkel og tante, Anton og Kristine Odde.

Casper og Anine Dommerby havde 3 børn.

CASPER JOSVA PREETZMANN LARSEN DIERNES og
GURINE QUAMME og deres børn.

I 1850 fik Helene Pedersdatter og Lars Madsbøl deres 2. barn, en søn. Han blev født i Madsbøl i Hjardemål Klit den 31/1, og ved dåben i Hjardemål kirke fik han navnene: Casper Josva Preetzmann Larsen Diernes. Blandt hans faddere var: Ane Pedersdatter fra Øsløs præstegård, Kasper Koldkjær fra Lild, Lars Klit og Christen Bløde fra Klit og gdm. Anders Pedersen fra Arup.

I 1866 kom Casper Diernes ud at tjene i Øsløs og var der i nogle år hos gdm. Jens Chr. Madsen, men rejste så til Staterne i 1871. Den første tid arbejdede han i Illønois, drog så til Nebraska, hvor siden så mange af hans slægtninge skulle slå sig ned. Her i Hamilton County giftede han sig den 30/6 1880 med Gurine O. Quamme, der som 2 årig var indvandret med sine forældre fra Norge til Decora i Iowa. Hun var født den 30/6 1859 i Norge og døde i Tyler, Minnesota den 27/6 1918.

I 1893 drog familien op fra Nebraska, hvor Casper Larsen havde arbejdet ved landbruget, og rejste til staten Minnesota. De bosatte sig syd for Tyler, og her blev Casper Larsen selvstændig farmer. Siden flyttede han med sin familie ind til Tyler og startede en restaurant, som han havde, til han på grund af alder måtte afstå den. Den 6/3 1923 døde Casper Josva Preetzmann Larsen Diernes i Tyler.

Der var i ægteskabet 8 børn:

1) GUSTA HELENA LARSEN, født i Nebraska 29/5 1881, død 28/6 1952.

Hun blev den 29/4 1904 gift med Chris Christensen, der døde 20/2 1948.

I ægteskabet er der 1 datter.

2) KRISTINE LOUISE LARSEN, født i Nebraska 15/6 1883, død i april 1957.

Hun blev den 30/6 1905 gift med Carl G. Aanestad, der døde 18/6 1942 .

De havde 5 børn.

3) LARS OLAV LARSEN, født i Nebraska 14/12 1885, død 3/8 1938.

Han blev den 17/2 1916 gift med Ruth Graham, der døde 31/5 1956.

De havde 2 børn.

4) ANNA MARIE LARSEN, født i Nebraska 20/4 1887.

Gift den 16/1 1907 med John August Burckhardt, der døde 31/12 1959.

Anna Burckhardt lever endnu og har 2 døtre og 1 adoptivson.

5) CASPER JOSVA PREETZMANN LARSEN, født i Nebraska 3/12 1888, død 1/7 1971.

Han blev den 3/2 1915 gift med Rosa Norstrom.

I ægteskabet er der 2 børn.

6) CLARA GURINE LARSEN, født i Nebraska 18/3 1891.

Hun blev den 25/10 1913 gift med John Murphy, der døde 30/5 1954.

I ægteskabet er der 3 børn.

7) NELLIE HENRIETTE LARSEN, født i Minnesota 2/4 1893, død 10/10 1965.

Hun blev den 6/3 1912 gift med Hans Lange, der døde 9/5 1970.

De havde 3 døtre.

8) JOHN THOMAS LARSEN, født 21/4 1896 i Minnesota, død 17/9 1918 i Frankrig, mens han gjorde tjeneste i hæren under 1. verdenskrig. Han var ugift.

MARIANE LARSEN DJERNES og PEDER JENSEN
og deres børn.

Helene Pedersdatter og Lars Madsbøls 3. barn var Mariane Larsen Djernes. Hun blev født i Madsbøl den 14/2 1853 og døde i Øsløs den 6/4 1929. Ved dåben i Hjørdemål kirke var blandt fadderne: gdm Kold Diernes' kone fra Glæde og gdm. Lars Klit.

Mariane kom tidligt ud at tjene, og i 1870 træffer vi hende ved folketællingen i Vabesgård i Lund, hvor hun tjener hos noget familie: Ane Margrethe Larsdatter og hendes to sønner Jens Jensen Vabesgård og Niels Chr. Jensen Vabesgård.

I 1881 blev hun gift med landmand Peder Jensen i Øsløs. Han var født den 14/7 1851 i Øsløs og døde s. st. den 2 6/11 1911. Han var søn af gårdejer Jens Pedersen fra Arup og hustru Benned Kjerstine Frandsdatter fra Øsløs.

De to unge overtog gården Højgård, og her voksede deres store børneflokk op.

1) BENNED KIRSTINE JENSEN, født i Øsløs den 1/3 1882, død som spæd den 12/1 1883.

2) BENNED KIRSTINE JENSEN, født i Øsløs den 26/8 1883, død s. st. den 28/5 1893.

3) JENS LAURITS JENSEN, født i Højgård i Øsløs den 28/10 1885, død s. st. den 25/3 1954. Uddannet ved landbruget. Han overtog Højgård efter sin fader, og moderen Mariane Djernes boede på aftægt hos ham, til hun døde.

Han blev den 14/3 1917 gift med sin kusine, Marie Jensen, der er født den 13/3 1892 i Kjelstrup. Hun er datter af gård-ejer i Kjelstrup Frantz Andreas Jensen og Johanne Elisabeth Jensen, og hun bor nu på Vesløs alderdomshjem.

Jens og Marie Jensen fik ingen børn selv, men tog en dreng til sig og opdrog ham.

4) HELENE MARIE JENSEN, født i Højgård i Øsløs den 8/4 1887, død den 26/8 1966.

Hun var i nogle år gift med husmand Jakob Eriksen i Tved, der havde været gift to gange før og havde 5 børn. Ægteskabet var ikke godt, og til sidst rejste Marie sin vej for ikke at vende tilbage, og de blev skilt.

Hun blev husbestyrerinde og fik siden et lille hus, hvor hun boede alene til sin død.

Hun havde ingen børn.

5) LARS JENSEN, født i Højgård i Øsløs den 17/12 1888, død s. st. den 1/9 1941. Uddannet ved landbruget. Han blev den 30/4 1914 i Tømmerby gift med sin kusine, Anna Kaspersen, der var født der den 30/4 1885, død i Øsløs den 5/10 1948, datter af købmand og gårdejer Christian P. Caspersen og hustru Ane Marie Jepsen.

Lars og Anna Jensen havde en lille gård i Øsløs, hvor deres 4 børn voksede op.

6) ELUF JENSEN, født i Højgård i Øsløs den 28/3 1891, død s. st. den 30/6 1964. Uddannet ved landbruget. Fik siden en gård i Øsløs. Den 28/4 1916 blev han gift med Kamilla Marie Winther, der var født i Amerika den 14/9 1894, død i Øsløs den 27/2 1959, datter af landbruger Lars Winther og Thomasine Marie Laursen.

Eluf og Kamilla Jensen havde 9 børn, hvoraf en døde som spæd.

7) ANNE JENSEN, født i Højgård i Øsløs den 30/3 1893, død den 31/12 1926.

Hun blev den 7/5 1920 gift med landmand i Torup Holme, Martin Nielsen (Abildgård), født på Frøstrup Hede i Tømmerby sogn den 19/10 1890, død den 29/12 1961, søn af landmand Niels Chr. Nielsen og Maren Kristine Nielsen (Kærup).

Martin og Anne Abildgård havde en søn og en datter. Sønnen har nu moderens fødegård, Højgård, i Øsløs.

8) VIGGO CHRISTIAN JENSEN, født i Højgård i Øsløs den 7/12 1894, død i Thisted den 7/5 1967. Uddannet ved landbruget.

Viggo Jensen var i mange år landpostbud samtidig med, at han drev Lillestensgård ved Thisted. Han blev den 16/11 1923 gift med Petrine Hangaard Hansen, der er født i gården Fald i Skjoldborg den 19/6 1902. Hun er datter af gårdejer i Skjoldborg Peter Hansen og hustru Petrine Jensen Hangaard. Petrine Jensen bor nu i Thisted.

I ægteskabet er der 5 børn.

9) HARALD JENSEN, født i Højgård i Øsløs den 19/7 1896, død på Thisted Mark den 22/2 1959, hvor han havde et lille sted.

Han var ugift.

ERIK ZACHARIAS PREETZMANN LARSEN DJERNES og
MAREN RASMUSSEN og deres børn.

Helene Pedersdatter og Lars Larsen Madsbøls sidste barn, en søn, blev født i Hjarde mål Klit i Madsbøl den 17/8 1855, og han døde den 8/7 1932 i Nebraska. Han blev døbt i Hjarde mål kirke, og blandt fadderne var: gårdmændene Kasper Koldkjær, Lars Klit, Jens Tidemannsen, Peder Ellidsbøl og Kasper Oddersbøl.

Ved folketællingen i 1870 i februar bor han sammen med sin moder, Helene Pedersdatter, og halvbroderen, Lars Chr. Caspersen, i et hus i Lild sogn, men nogle måneder senere rejser han til Øsløs, hvor han altså bliver tjenestedreng i samme sogn som broderen Casper. Uden tvivl har de ulykkelige forhold, der havde ført til tabet af deres barndomshjem i Madsbøl og forældrenes separation på grund af faderens drikkeri og hasardspil fået de to unge mænd til at vende blikket ud mod den store verden, til U.S.A., for at prøve lykken der, og i 1871 rejste de til Staterne.

De slog sig ned i Elgin i Illinois, og her arbejdede Zacharias i 4 år på en gård, hvorpå han i prærievogn drog til Nebraska, hvor første stop blev Cordova, hvor han i 3 år arbejdede på en farm.

Han hørte så, at man kunne købe billig jord i Hamilton County, hvorpå han rykkede sine teltpæle op, og den 12/10 1877 kom han til Hamilton County og købte der 80 acres jernbanejord, som han begyndte at opdyrke.

Den 5/7 1880 giftede han sig med Maren Rasmussen, der var født den 15/7 1852, og som døde den 11/2 1905 på gården i Marquette i Nebraska.

Deres hjem blev med tiden et fast holdepunkt for de mange nevøer og niecer, der udvandrede fra Danmark til U.S.A. Her kunne de være den første tid, mens de lærte at tale og skrive engelsk og samtidig tjene til kost og

logi ved at arbejde for deres onkel Zack og tante Maren.

Zacharias Larsens barnebarn, Vera, som sammen med sin tvillingsøster Vivian opholdt sig på gården i deres første high school år fortæller om bedstefaderen: " Han ville aldrig fortælle os noget fra det gamle land. Jeg gætter på, at enden på hans faders karriere og hjem var så bitter og sørgelig, at han ikke ville lade os vide noget om det. Bedstefar levede et meget retlinet og disciplineret liv. Han var meget gavmild, så det næsten var ubehageligt for familien. Han var en meget gudfrygtig mand og kendt for at være en ærlig og god nabo. Hver aften læste han i sin Bibel og fortsatte dermed lige til sin død. Han elskede at fortælle os historier om Jesus."

Den 8/7 1932 døde Erik Zacharias Preetzmann Larsen Djernes

Han og Maren Rasmussen fik 5 børn, hvoraf 3 døde som spæde. Voksne blev:

1) LARS CHRISTIAN LARSEN, født i Nebraska den 6/12 1887. Uddannet ved landbruget og overtog farmen, der efterhånden var kommet op på 200 acres, efter faderens død. Han blev gift i St. John's Evangelical Church, Kronborg, - hvor han også var blevet konfirmeret - den 15/3 1917 med Anna Margaret Sørensen, der er født i 1896. Hun er datter af Lars Christian Sørensen, indvandret fra Salling, og Anna Bothilda Petersen, indvandret fra Sydslesvig.

Lars Larsen er meget musikalsk og spillede som ung i forskellige orkestre. Musikbegavelsen synes at være gået i arv til børn og børnebørn, blandt hvilke der er flere udøvende kunstnere eller musikpædagoger.

Lars Larsen og hans kone Margaret bor nu i Californien hos datteren Vera og dennes mand, Clifford Eriksen. Desuden har de endnu endatter og en søn.

2) KAREN LENA LARSEN, født i Nebraska den 13/6 1891,
død s. st. 196?.

Hun boede hjemme på gården til faderens død i 1932.
Samme år giftede hun sig med landarbejder John Michel, der
stammede fra Waterloo i Iowa.

De havde ingen børn.



Nedergård



Christian P. Caspersen og hustru Ane Marie Jepsen
sammen med deres børn.

Øverst: Josva, Karen, Marie, Helene, Kristian.
Nederst: Anna og Kathrine.

(Vinteren 1907-08)



Ane Marie Jepsen



Nedergård sommeren 1942. Kristian Kaspersen for bordenden.



Lars Chr. Caspersen og hustru
Mariane Olesen



Lars Chr. og Mariane med to af deres børn foran huset i

Kæret.



Karoline Thomsen og hendes mand Niels Petersen



Ane Marie Jensen og hendes mand Knudsen Nielsen



Caspara Nielsen (Dommerby) med sønnen Edvard foran deres gård i Hjardemål Klit



Sara Dommerby (Caspara Nielsen)



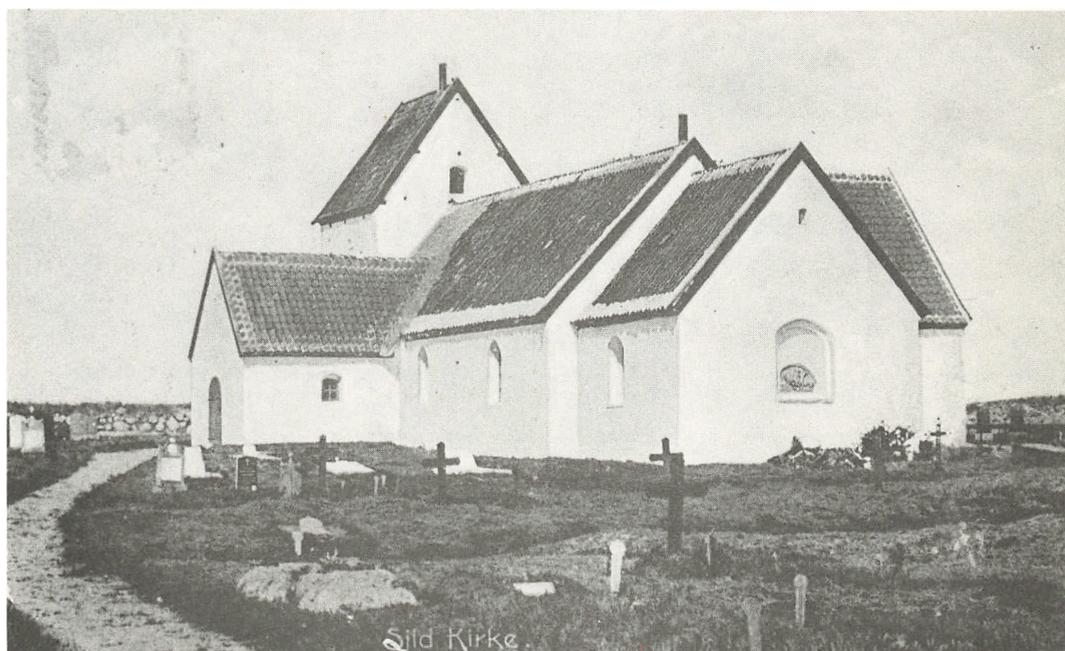
Peder Jensen og hustru Mariane Djernes



Peder Jensens gård "Højgård" i Øsløs



Erik Zacharias Larsen Djernes med hustru Maren Rasmussen
og børnene Lars og Karen



Lild kirke

Only with the Past stowed up inside,
you have freight into the Future.

(Johs. V. Jensen)

In every parish register,
in every service book,
stained and mouldy,
are hidden the woes and grievings
of former generations.

(Jeppe Åkjær)

On the following pages is told about some families from Hanherred and Hillerslev herred. All with roots in the old freeholder farm of Oddersbøl in Hjardemål Klit.

I do hope that descendants in Denmark and U.S.A. will follow their family branches up to date themselves on the empty pages of the book.

The following sources have been used: the parish registers of Hjardemål, Lild, Tømmerby, Arup and Øsløs, various census lists, papers of administration and distribution of deceased persons' estates, and registers of deeds of conveyance. Moreover descendants - both in this country and in U.S.A. - have given me much help for which I thank most heartily.

Cai Mygind.
Brønshøj, 1972.

In Northern Jutland between Thy and Vendsyssel and between the Limfiord and the North Sea the counties Hanherred and Hillerslev herred are lying. The nature is grand and rough there, the horizon is always far away and the sky very high up.

The people who live here have up to our times been influenced by their surroundings. They are hardworking and frugal, and they are still deeply rooted in the good old culture of peasantry characterized with old devoutness and an upbringing in piety.

From this part of Denmark - from three old and big freeholder farms - come the families about whom are told on the following pages. The three farms are called Oddersbøl (mentioned in old documents 1600), Diernæs (mentioned 1430), and Madsbøl (mentioned 1477).

--- Today only Oddersbøl exists.

C A S P E R J O S V A P R E E T Z M A N N

In the year 1703 a big wedding took place in the farmhouse of Oddersbøl in the parish of Hjarde-mål. Anne Lauridsdatter Koch, daughter of the late landowner Laurids Jensen Koch and wife, Anna Sørensdatter Guldager, and heir to the big farm was married to Casper Josva Preetzmann.

Today we do not know from where the young man originated, but family tradition has it that he had come from Norway. Another conjecture is that he had been in service of colonel Erich Zacharias von Kahlen who in 1689 had bought Vesløs Manor from Laurids Jensen Koch. The young man's surname Preetzmann suggests that he or his ancestors came from the town of Preetz in Holstein.

Laurids Jensen Koch died in 1691, and since then Casper Preetzmann had been manager of Oddersbøl.

The tombstone over Laurids Koch and his wife is still to be seen in Hjørdemål Church. On it is written in old Danish:

J H S (Jesus hominum salvator)

Her under Huiler den ærlig
actbare og welfornemme nu Sal.
Mand Lauridtz Jensen Koch
som salig i Herren hensov i
Store Oddersbøl Ao 1691 d. 1.
Februarii i sin alders 37 Aar
med sin K. Hustru erlig dyderige
og Gudfrygtige Matrone Anna
Soverensdatter Guldager som oc
salig i Herren hensov Ao - d. -
i sin Alders -

Casper Josva Preetzmann and Anne Lauridsdatter Koch who died in 1737, 57 years old, had 9 children, all born in Oddersbøl, and all with godfathers whose names tell us that the Preetzmann family was one of the prominent families in the county.

Their eldest son but one inherited the farm. His name was Erich Zacharias Preetzmann.

E R I C H Z A C H A R I A S P R E E T Z M A N N

He was born 1705 in Oddersbøl, and he died here 1772. Among the godfathers at his baptism were two vicars, Michael Vogelius from Øsløs, and Jacob Bruun from Kærup.

October 29th, 1730 he was married in Vigsø Church to Margrethe Nielsdatter Hesseldal Baun. Her parents were freeholder Niels Christensen Baun of Hesseldal at Vigsø and Maren Bertelsdatter, and she was born 1710 and died 1796 in Oddersbøl.

For a few years Erich Zacharias Preetzmann and his wife lived at Vigsø. Then he became owner of Little Oddersbøl. This farm was later combined with Big Oddersbøl of which he also became owner some years later.

After Erich Preetzmann's death the vicar, Jens Jessen, wrote in the parish register, "He was an honest and good man who did his rank credit. He was the first man of my parish to invite me to his house, when I first came here to this living on April 15th, 1764."

Erich Zacharias Preetzmann and his wife had two daughters and one son, and the son inherited the farm. His name was Casper Josva Preetzmann.

C A S P E R J O S V A P R E E T Z M A N N

He was born at Vigsø 1741, and he died in Oddersbøl 1817. In 1770 he was married to Karen Svendsdatter Nørgård in Klim Church. She was born about 1749 in Klim Nørgård and was daughter of freeholder, shipowner, and innkeeper Svend Nielsen Klim and Anne Nielsdatter Kiib, and she died 1821 in Oddersbøl.

After his mother Margrethe Hesseldal's death in 1796, Casper Josva Preetzmann became owner of Oddersbøl, but already in 1804 he transferred both this farm and Little Oddersbøl to his son Erich Zacharias Preetzmann for 2000 rix-dollars.

In the marriage there were eight children, three boys and five girls. The fourth child was called Mariane Preetzmann, and she is next in the family tree.

M A R I A N E P R E E T Z M A N N A N D
L A R S N I E L S E N D I E R N I S

Mariane Preetzmann was born in 1779 in Oddersbøl and was baptized on February 5th in Hjardemål Church. In 1794 she was confirmed, and November 7th, 1800 she was married to freeholder of Diernæsgård in the parish of Lild, Lars Nielsen Diernis whose second wife she became.

Lars (Laurids) Nielsen Diernis was born 1755 in Diernæsgård. He was son of freeholder Niels Christian Pedersen Diernis and Karen Pedersdatter, and he became owner of the family farm in 1786. The farm had then been in hands of his family some forty years, as his grandparents Peder Christensen (Diernis) and Margrethe Nielsdatter Krarup became owners of it in 1742. -- Margrethe Krarup's family tree goes back to Frands Jørgensen who was head of Metropolitan Grammar-School in Copenhagen about 1600.

Lars Nielsen's parents, Niels Christian Pedersen and Karen Pedersdatter moved after the son had become owner of the farm to another farm near the sea. It was called Myrup and they bought it from Thøger Pedersen Buxhauge for 395 rix-dollars.

Lars Nielsen Diernis had in 1786 married his first wife, Anne Marie Christensdatter Rotbøl. She was born 1770 in Rotbølgård and was daughter of freeholder Christen Jensen Broust and Elisabeth Albrechtsdatter. She died in the summer of 1800 only 30 years old. In this marriage there were 5 children living to be grown up.

Mariane Preetzmann really got something to look after, when she late in the year 1800 married Lars Diernis. These 5 children were:

- 1) Gjertrud Larsdatter Diernis, born 1786, who married Christen Christensen, farmer and innkeeper at Bjerget, later owner of Fuglsanggård at Tømmerby. They were parents of Lars Fuglsang about whom will be told more presently.

- 2) Christen Larsen Diernis, born 1789. He became owner of Klinggård at Klim.
- 3) Niels Christian Larsen Diernis, born 1790.
- 4) Albrecht Larsen Diernis, born 1791. He became cattle-dealer and farmholder at Gøttrup.
- 5) Christen Olesen Larsen Diernis, born 1796. He became freeholder at Lund.

Lars Nielsen Diernis and Mariane Preetzmann got 7 children.

- 1) Eldest was Casper Josva Preetzmann Larsen Diernes, born 1803. He is next in the family tree.
- 2) Jens Larsen Diernes, born 1806. For many years he was a dealer in wool. Later he became a small-holder at Glæde. He was married to Karen Marie Christensdatter.
- 3) Christen Kold Larsen Diernes, born 1808. He inherited Dier-næsgård. He married Mette Marie Thomasdatter from Nørklit.
- 4) Lars Larsen Diernes, born 1814. He married his eldest brother Casper's widow and so comes into the family tree.
- 5) Svend Larsen Diernes, born 1811. He had a farm at Lund and was first married to Mette Gregersdatter, a widow, His second wife was Ane Marie Jensdatter.
- 6) Karoline Larsdatter Diernes, born 1817. She was married to freeholder Christen Jensen Vabesgård in Myrupgård.
- 7) Ane Marie Larsdatter Diernes, born 1820. She married Peder Kold Nielsen, small-holder and fisherman at Hjardemål Klit.

For many years Mariane Preetzmann lived as widow after her husband's death in 1835. She retained undivided possession of the estate, until she let her son Christen Kold become owner of the farm. Then she became a pensioner and lived with him and his wife, and after his early death in 1853 with her daughter in law and her second husband, Lars Jensen Vabesgård.

On March 12th, 1863 Mariane Preetzmann died full of days, 84 years old.

C A S P E R J O S V A P R E E T Z M A N N
 L A R S E N D I E R N E S
 H E L E N E P E D E R S D A T T E R
 L A R S L A R S E N D I E R N E S

When the census took place in 1834 old Lars Nielsen Diernis was still head of Diernæsgård. He was then 79 years old, and all his children from his second marriage but one - namely his eldest son Casper - lived on the big farm.

This Casper Josva Preetzmann Larsen Diernes had become tenant of Kærup parsonage in Tømmerby. He was born in Diernæsgård on March 5th, 1803 and was named after his grandfather on his mother's side, Casper Josva Preetzmann in Oddersbøl, and among the godfathers and -mothers at his baptism were his uncle Erich Zacharias Preetzmann, his grandmother Karen Svendsdatter Nørgård and another uncle, Lars Christian Diernes from Koldkjærgård.

Casper Larsen Diernes was at the census in 1834 still unmarried. He had a housekeeper, Helene Pedersdatter, besides two farmhands. But naturally it had to happen as it happened: in December 1836 Casper Diernes was married to Helene Pedersdatter in Tømmerby Church.

She came from Arup and was baptized in 1813. She was daughter of farmer Peder Thomassen and Karen Andersdatter.

Casper and Helene Diernes got three children, the twins Christian Peter Caspersen and Lars Christian Caspersen born in 1838 and a girl born in 1842 who was baptized Sophie Karen Kirstine Marie Caspersen.

When the census in 1840 took place Casper Diernes was still tenant of Kærup parsonage. Oddly enough was only the son Christian Peter at home, the twin-brother Lars Christian was living in Diernæsgård with his grandmother Mariane Preetzmann as her foster.child. When the daughter in 1842 was baptized, Casper Larsen Diernes was no longer tenant of the parsonage but lived in

Rotbølgård with some family. He had bought the farm Madsbøl near the sea but was never able to move out there, seriously ill as he was. He died on August 12th, 1842, only 39 years old. His last days he spent with his old mother in his native farm, Diernæsgård.

His widow, Helene Pedersdatter, went to live with her own folks for some time, but in 1844 she married her brother-in-law, Lars Larsen Diernes, and moved him and her children out to Madsbøl, where now the planter's house stands.

Lars Larsen Diernes was born on December 2nd, 1814 in Diernæsgård, and at his baptism he was held by Ingeborg Pedersdatter from Oddersbøl, and his godfathers and -mothers were Miss Lund of Kærup parsonage, Jens Thomassen, farmer at Tømmerby, Jens Christen Christensen of Rotbølgård and Thomas Larsen Lund from Nørklit.

The marriage was never a happy one. After some time Lars Diernes, who also had become a wreck-master, more and more often went to the inn together with the schoolmaster to drink and gamble. He did not look after the wreckage. Some of it was stolen, and both he and the schoolmaster had to give up their public jobs. He had not looked after properly his farm and land either, and when his stepson Lars Christian came home from captivity in the war against Prussia and Austria in 1864, most of what Helene Pedersdatter had brought into her second marriage was lost.

Lars Larsen Diernes and Helene Pedersdatter had four children: a daughter, Caspara Larsen Diernes, born in 1846, a son, Casper Josva Preetzmann Larsen Diernes (named after Helene's first husband), born in 1850, a daughter, Mariane Larsen Diernes, born in 1853, and a son, Erik Zacharias Preetzmann Larsen Diernes, born in 1855.

Shortly after her second marriage Helene pedersdatter had also sent her other twin son, Christian Peter, away from home to some relatives. He went to live with his elder cousin, innkeeper at Bjerget, Lars Christian Christensen (Fuglsang) and

his wife Mariane Pedersdatter Rotbøl and became their foster-child. The other twin, Lars Christian, who lived with his grandmother in Diernæs gård, came home to Madsbøl when he was about 12 years old and thus old enough to work for his stepfather on the farm, and he stayed at home till he was 17.

Helene Pedersdatter was at last separated from her husband, Lars Madsbøl, and moved to Kæret in the parish of Lild, and here she bought a little homestead. It was about 1865. Her eldest and her youngest sons, Lars Christian and Erik went to live with her. In this little house she lived the rest of her life, some toilsome and poor years. She kept the house for her son, Lars Christian, who after only one year of marriage had become a widower, and his little daughter Helene. Her other son Erik was now out farming.

She lived to welcome Lars Christian's second wife, when he again married in 1876. But two years later on February 21st 1878 Helene Pedersdatter died. Lars and his wife were away from home on that day, and little Helene was frightened when suddenly she heard some peculiar sounds coming from her grandmother who was resting in her alcove after tending in the cowhouse. She ran to fetch some neighbours, but when they came into the room, the old woman had died. - Little Helene never forgot that incident.

After his separation and after the farm Madsbøl had been sold Lars Madsbøl built himself a little house out in the sand-hills, and here he lived a somewhat seedy life. Sometimes he went to Øsløs to live with his daughter Mariane who was married to a farmer there, and sometimes he lived with his other daughter Caspara Nielsen Dommerby in Hjardemål Klit.

In her home he died on March 26th, 1891.

C H R I S T I A N P E T E R C A S P E R S E N
 A N D
 A N E M A R I E J E P S E N A N D T H E I R
 C H I L D R E N

Christian Peter Caspersen was born on March 25th, 1838 in the tenant farm of Kærup parsonage in the parish of Tømmerby. At his baptism there were the following godfathers and -mothers: Miss Hude, the vicar's sister-in-law, Ane Marie Larsdatter from Diernæsgård, freeholder Lars Chr. Nielsen from Koldkjærgård, Christen Pedersen from Bjerget and bachelor Lars Larsen Diernes.

He was but a little boy, when he - as mentioned before - became foster-child of his cousin, innkeeper at Bjerget, Lars Christensen (Fuglsang) and his wifw Mariane Pedersdatter Rotbøl, and they were always his very good foster-parents.

A little incident from his boyhood: Once shortly after having been sent from home he ~~was~~ crying back home to his mother Helene Pedersdatter. She only wiped his face that was wet with tears, gave him a clean apron on, turned him round and sent him back to Bjerget Inn. When he in his old age told this little story you could still hear in his voice the bitterness against a mother who could do this to a little child.

In 1854 he left for Thisted to be apprenticed to a shopkeeper. - Lars Fuglsang did not think there was any future for the boy in farming. After having served his apprenticeship he got a job with the merchant Thomas Dige at Øsløs. The latter soon sent him to Thorup Strand to administer his branch there with - among other things - small craft trade with Norway. But Christian Caspersen wanted to be independent and went to Arup and opened a little shop. Here he met the young girl who became his wife, Ane Marie Jepsen. She was born on April 25th, 1850, and her parents were small-holder and smith Jeppe Christensen and wife, Karen Christiansdatter. She brought into the marriage a dowry of 2000 rix-dollars, a big sum of money in those days.

Here at Arup their first child, a daughter named Helene, was born in 1878. But now Christian Caspersen's cousin and foster-father, Lars Fuglsang, sent for him. He had been buying and selling farms on a great scale for some time and had just become owner of the farms Overgård and Nedergård at Tømmerby, and he wanted Christian Caspersen to take over Nedergård. The latter agreed and moved to Tømmerby with his little family at this time enlarged with his sister Marie's child, Karoline Thomsen.

At one end of the farmhouse he opened a general store and at the same time worked the farm with the help of a farmhand and a maid. Christian Caspersen was a good and competent grocer but perhaps not the best business man. He was too forbearing with the credit and at last had to suspend his payments. Still after some time he had paid everyone his share, but he gave up having a store and began to work the farm himself. He liked it, but of course it was difficult for him since he had not been at it from boyhood. Upon the whole existence became harder for him and his family. Christian Caspersen was a man of principles and without fuss, but perhaps not a practicle man. Practicle was on the other hand his wife, Ane Marie Jepsen.

Here in Nedergård a big family grew up in a frugal and godfearing home. A home that was very much like the one Jeppe Åkjær so beautifully sings about in his songs: "Silent the sparrow sits on its twig .." and "Now it's long ago .."

Christian Caspersen and his wife joined the growing Grundtvigian movement of free communities in Hanherred. They were great friends of the vicar Søren Anker Møller at Klim, and Christian Caspersen was one of the men who in 1881 took the initiative to found a free school at Tømmerby. During World War I he delegated the farm to his son Kristian and became a pensioner. A little appartement was made at one end of the house for the two old people where once there had been a store, and here they had some good years together. In 1923 Ane Marie Jepsen died, 73 years old, and a few years later old Christian Caspersen together

with his daughter Kathrine moved across the road and into an old thatched house called Gammel Tuenhus which another daughter Marie, now headmistress in Copenhagen had bought for holiday use, and here he died in 1928 more than 90 years old.

Christian Peter Caspersen and Ane Marie Caspersen had the following children:

- 1) HELENE KASPERSEN, born at Arup 1878, died at Ørbæk 1958. When young she was for some years cook at Høng Agricultural School and later with consul Kold, the author Jakob Knudsen's brother-in-law. Still tales are told among her descendants of how formal everything should be, when he came to visit his sister. And how they sang.

In 1909 she married Peter Christoffer Petersen who was born 1875 at Oplev, died at Ørbæk 1931, son of farmer Christoffer Pedersen and Else Nielsen. Peter Christoffer Petersen owned the farm Trehøjgård at Ørbæk. Now a son works it.

They had 4 children.

- 2) KAREN MARIE KASPERSEN, born at Tømmerby 1880. Died when still a baby.
- 3) VILHELM JOSVA KASPERSEN, born at Tømmerby 1881, died here 1961. Trained for farming. 1920 married at Tømmerby to Margrethe Kathrine Mikkelsen, born 1890, died at Tømmerby 1955, daughter of small-holder at Kærup Holme, Peder Chr. Mikkelsen and Ane Marie Sørensen. Josva Caspersen for many years had a farm at Tømmerby. His younger son works it now.

They had two sons.

- 4) KAREN MARIE KASPERSEN, born at Tømmerby 1883, died at Hunstrup 1968, buried at Tømmerby. When young she for some years served with her uncle, Niels Chr. Jepsen, draper at Løgstør. In 1908 she was married to smith at Tømmerby and Frøstrup, Christen Strømgård, born 1879 at Nors, died 1972, son of Christen Severin Christensen and Christiane Hansen.

Later on they bought the big farm Hunstrupgård at Hunstrup. Their last years they lived in a little house in the same village.

They had one son.

- 5) ANNA KASPERSEN, born at Tømmerby 1885, died at Øsløs 1948. In 1914 she married her cousin Lars Jensen, born at Øsløs 1888, died here 1941, son of farmer Peder Jensen and Mariane Larsen Djernes. They had a little farm at Øsløs, and here their 4 children grew up.
- 6) KATHRINE KASPERSEN, born at Tømmerby 1886, died here 1956. When young she was a housekeeper. Later she lived with her old father in Gammel Tuenhus. Was for some years housekeeper for her sister, Marie, headmistress in Copenhagen. Then bought a little house in the neighbourhood of Nedergård, where she was born, and here she lived the rest of her life.
She was a very good weaver and for some years also had a youth hostel. She never married but had a foster-daughter.
- 7) KRISTIAN KASPERSEN, born at Tømmerby 1888, died here 1960. In 1915 he became owner of the family farm Nedergård, when he married Kristine Mortensen, born in Himmerland at Hemdrup Village 1892, died at Tømmerby 1970, daughter of farmer Søren Mortensen and Maren Kathrine Jensen.
Kristian Kaspersen worked Nedergård as a model farm, and for many years he was a popular and very competent chairman of the parish council.
They had 6 children.
- 8) MARIE KASPERSEN, the youngest of the family in Nedergård. She took the initiative to the making of this book. She write in her 82 nd year:
I was born 1890 at Tømmerby. Went to school in the good little free school of the parish. Was considered to be a bit naughty but was however thanked by a young schoolmistress for help with the big boys. Good old novels were read to us during the lessons. Hymns and songs were a daily joy to all. And reading, writing and arithmetic were not forgotten.
When Marie had left school she for one year served with her cousin Marie Nielsen (Dommerby) married to Tidemann Nørgård. Then she went to the continuation school for one winter and for one year to Fjerritslev Highschool.

1907 - 10 Marie was a teacher in Fuglsang private school in Vendsyssel and 1910 - 14 in Arup free school near the Limfiord. Then came a winter at Høng College, and after still another year she graduated for the university.

1916 - 23 she studied at the Copenhagen University. Took her degree 1923. Gave lessons at N. Zahle's Training College 1922 - 55. Became Headmistress 1923 of Christianshavns Døttreskole of 1799. Retired 1950. Lives now in happy retirement in Ny Tuenhus at Tømmerby.

At the 150 anniversary of Christianshavns Døttreskole in 1949 Marie Kaspersen received the Royal Medal of Reward.

L A R S C H R I S T I A N C A S P E R S E N
M A R E N A N D E R S D A T T E R
M A R I A N E O L E S E N
A N D T H E I R C H I L D R E N

Lars Christian Caspersen was born March 25th, 1838 in the tenant farm of Kærup parsonage and was thus Christian Peter Caspersen's twin-brother. He had the following godfathers and -mothers: Caroline Larsdatter of Diernæsgård, farmer Casper Josva Larsen Kolkjær and farmer Christen Olesen Larsen at Lund.

Lars Caspersen and his twin-brother were separated at an early age. Lars became - as mentioned before - foster-child of his grandmother Mariane Preetzmann at Diernæsgård, and he stayed with her till he was about 12 years old. Then he came back to his mother and her second husband Lars Larsen Diernis at Madsbøl. He was now big enough to help on the farm. When he was 17 he left Hjørdemål Klit and went to Lild where he became a farmhand at the inn.

He was then drafted, and when the war against Prussia and Austria started in 1864 he was sent to the border to fight. During the battle at Dybbøl he was taken prisoner and was sent to Rendsburg where he was in a prison camp for two months.

He was released, and together with a friend he walked on foot the long way back to Northern Jutland. At home in Hjørdemål Klit he found that his stepfather had lost both farm and money in gambling and drinking.

About 1865 he moved with his mother and little half-brother Erik Zacharias first to Gløde and then to Kæret in the parish of Lild. In 1868 he married Maren Andersdatter but continued to live with his mother in the little homestead on the road to Lildstrand.

Maren Andersdatter was from Øsløs where she was born 1836 in Øsløs Bisgård as daughter of tenant Anders Chr. Nielsen Wixøe and Elisabeth Christiansdatter. The following year Lars and Maren got a little daughter who was baptized Helene, but in 1870 Maren Andersdatter died, and Helene Pedersdatter now had to keep the house for both her son and his little daughter. - Erik Zacharias by now was out serving as were his brothers and sisters.

Lars Caspersen went out to fish from Lildstrand in an open boat - a dangerous and hard life - and then walked the long way from the sea back to his home with his catch, if there had been any, in a basket on his back or in a barrow. It could not bring in much.

He had a little plot of land beside the house, where some sheep and two or three cows were grazing.

In 1876 Lars Chr. Caspersen married again. His wife's name was Mariane Olesen, and she was born at Kæret 1853 and was daughter of thatcher Ole Nielsen and Ann Kirstine Larsen. With the years they got 12 children (the first one was stillborn), and thus many mouths had to be satisfied.

Like his twin-brother Lars Christian Caspersen (Madsbøl) became an old man. He passed away in 1920. Mariane Caspersen died in 1931.

They had the following children:

- 1) HELENE LARSEN DJERNÆS, born at Lild 1869, died 1948 in Nebraska. She was almost 10 years old when she got her first half-brother, and perhaps as time passed she felt a little not wanted among the many half-brothers and half-sisters.

Quite young she left for America, and here she married Niels Eriksen who was born 1864 and who died 1933 in Nebraska. They had a farm near Marquette where their 5 daughters grew up.

- 2) MARTIN LARSEN DJERNÆS, born at Lild 1878, died in Nebraska 1940.

He emigrated in 1892 to America when only 14 years old. He lied about his age and said that he was 17. Because of a cholera epidemic onboard, the ship was not allowed to go to New York but was sent to Halifax in Canada, and all the passengers' belongings were burnt. Martin went on to his Uncle Zacharias and Aunt Maren in Nebraska. He worked on the farm and attended school in the evenings in order to learn the language.

Later he worked on different farms in Minnesota and was at last able to buy a horse, and his boyhood dream was fulfilled. "Had I been able to get a horse back home, I would never have gone to U.S.A." he once said.

He went back to Nebraska where he with his sister Helene's brother-in-law, Jens Eriksen, met the girl who became his wife, Christine Marie Nielsen. Her parents were carpenter, wheelwright and farmer Rasmus Nielsen who emigrated 1880 from Falster and Johanne Amalie Nielsen who emigrated 1880 from Lystrup in Slesvig. Christine Nielsen was born 1886, and she and Martin Djernes married 1904.

As time passed they had different farms, but then Martin lost his sight in a lime explosion. They continued to live on the farm, but Christine had to work twice as hard. Martin was - though blind - not idle. He carved the most beautiful things out of wood.

In 1940 Martin Djernes died. The farm was sold, and Christine Djernes took a job as a housekeeper. She has now moved to Aurora in Nebraska in her old age.

She and Martin Djernes had 3 children.

- 3) CASPER JOSVA PREETZMANN LARSEN DJERNÆS, born at Lild 1880, died at Clearbrook, Minnesota in 1965.

He emigrated in 1897 to U.S.A. when he was 17 and first went to live with his uncle Casper Larsen in Tyler, Minnesota, where he helped on the farm. Here in Tyler he met Alma Christine Hansen, born at Barrington, Illinois, 1877, whom he married 1902. She passed away in 1961.

All his life Casper Djernes was a farmer in Clearbrook. He was a very efficient farmer and was called "The Dairy King of Clearwater County".

They had 5 children of whom two were stillborn.

- 4) OLE LARSEN DJERNÆS, born at Lild 1881, died in Canada 1952.

He emigrated when young to the States and worked for many years on different farms in Nebraska. Then he bought some land in Canada where he lived his last years.

He was single.

- 5) ANTON KRISTIAN LARSEN DJERNÆS, born at Lild 1883, died in Nebraska 1919 from the Spanish flu.

When young he emigrated to U.S.A. where he after some time got a farm near Marquette, Nebraska. In 1911 he married Karen Hemmingsen who was born 1884 and who passed away 1968.

They had four children.

- 6) PEDER LARSEN DJERNÆS, born at Lild 1884, died in Nebraska 1961.

He emigrated 1906 to U.S.A. and for some years worked on farms near Marquette, Nebraska. He served in the American Army during World War I.

Later he was a mailman for 33 years. He never married.

- 7) GERTHA MARIE LARSEN DJERNÆS, born at Lild 1886. In 1910 she was married to small-holder Olaf Ferdinand Nielsen. He was born in Kærup Hede 1886. His mother was Bolette Marie Larsen, and his father was Frants Nielsen from Nors.

Ferdinand was placed out with small-holder Niels Chr. Kristensen and his wife Signe Kristensen at Glæde, and he took over their farm when he was married. Marie and Ferdinand Nielsen lived here for 53 years. They then moved to Skovsted where they now live in a little house in the neighbourhood of their daughter Anna Christoffersen.

They have two daughters.

- 8) LUCAS LARSEN DJERNÆS, born at Lild 1887, died in Central City, Nebraska, 1970.

In 1907 he emigrated to U.S.A. and first went to live with his Uncle Zack while learning the language.

In 1933 he married Llewella Ehrsam Niday, a school-mistress and a widow with two children. She was born 1900 and is daughter of Henry Ehrsam and Armenta Good Ehrsam. Lucas Djernes had a farm near Central City, and his and Llewella's son Lucas Lyle is now owner of this family farm.

3 children (2 from Llewella's first marriage),

- 9) STINE NICOLINE LARSEN DJERNÆS, born at Lild 1890, died in Nebraska 1964.

Like so many of her brothers and sisters she emigrated to the States. Here she in 1915 was married to Christian Carl Hansen from Funen, Denmark, born 1891, died in Nebraska 1941. They had a farm near Marquette, Nebraska.

In their marriage there were 3 children.

- 10) JOHANNES LARSEN DJERNÆS, born at Lild 1892. Trained for farming. Married in 1917 to Elna Vibe Pedersen. She was born 1888 at Plovslund near Billund and is daughter of farmer John Pedersen and wife Ane Vibe.

For many years Johannes Djernæs had the farm Krog at Glæde. Later he bought the farm Damgård at Hundborg, and this farm is now owned by his only son Jon Djernæs.

- 11) DUSINIUS LARSEN DJERNÆS, born at Lild 1893, died here 1939. When the census in 1911 took place he lived at Bjerget with farmer Kasper Chr. Jensen. Later he lived with his mother and after her death with his sister Marie and her husband Ferdinand Nielsen at Glæde.

He never married.

- 12) LOUISE MARIE LARSEN DJERNÆS, born at Lild 1895. For some years she was manageress of the home for the aged at Frøstrup.

In 1927 she was married to carpenter Ejnar Eriksen, who was born 1895 at Frøstrup, and died here 1969. He was son of carpenter Peder Eriksen and wife Kirsten Eriksen.

1 adopted son.

S O P H I E K A R E N K I R S T I N E M A R I E C A S P E R S
A N D H E R T W O D A U G H T E R S

In 1842 Casper J. P. L. Diernis and his wife Helene Pedersdatter got their third and last child, a little girl who was born on January 29th, shortly before her father's death. Among her godfathers and -mothers were: Mariane Jensdatter from Koldkjær, Karen Jensdatter at Bjerget and the farmers Anders Rotbøl at Kærup, Jens Jensen in Rotbøl and Svend Diernis at Lund.

Marie Caspersen was born in Rotbølgård where her father then had let some rooms. In 1844 her mother, Helene Pedersdatter, was married - as mentioned before - to her brother-in-law, Lars Larsen Diernis, and soon after the marriage they moved to the farm Madsbøl in Hjardemål Klit. Out here by the sea Marie grew up together with four halfbrothers and -sisters. At an early age she left her home to earn a living as was the custom in those days. She is said to have grown up to be a beauty, but also a bit improvident.

In 1861 she was a maid with Christen Kvolsgård at Bjerget. In 1868 she lived at Haverslev, but then the year after returned to Lild to become a maid with her late aunt Karoline's husband, Christen Jensen Vabesgård in The farm Myrupgård. The year after, in 1871, at home with her mother and brother at Kæret she got a little daughter who was baptized Karoline Thomsen after the late aunt. The father was the 35 year old farmhand in the farm Aldershvile at Vesløs, Niels Christian Thomsen who acknowledged the paternity. He was born at Amtoft 1835 and was son of small-holder Thomas Christensen and Birthe Marie Godichsdatter. Little Karoline was placed with her uncle Christian P. Caspersen in Nedergård at Tømmerby, when she was 7 or 8 years old, and later with her aunt Mariane Djernes Jensen, when she was to be confirmed.

In the year 1878 Marie Caspersen at Bjørnsholm in Himmerland got another baby-girl who was baptized Ane Marie Jensen. The father was said to be Anders Jensen from the farm Nørgård at Vust. He was son of farmer Jens Andersen and Ane Marie Jacobsdatter, and he was born in 1850. The young people were not allowed to marry, and Anders Jensen emigrated to America, but returned to Denmark a few years later and settled at Vilsted in Himmerland.

Marie Caspersen went home to Lild with her little daughter and found a job as housekeeper. When in 1890 the census took place, she was back in Myrupgård. It was now her cousin, Kasper Christensen Djernes Vabesgård, who was the owner, and her old uncle Christen Vabesgård was a pensioner.

Family tradition says that Marie's elder daughter Karoline got a suitor whom she refused. He then turned to the mother. Anyhow Marie Caspersen in 1895 was married to small-holder at Lund, Niels Christian Nielsen. He was a widower and had been married to Ane Kathrine Christensen who died 1892. Niels Chr. Nielsen (Christen Søndermølle as he was called) was born in Thisted 1859 and was son of worker Anders Nielsen and Ingeborg Cathrine Christensen, and he died at Kæret 1927.

Christen and Marie had some good years together in the little homestead at Lund, but in 1913 Marie passed away, and Christen Søndermølle married Karen Marie Larsen and moved to Kæret.

Sophie Karen Kirstine Marie Caspersen's two daughters were:

- 1) KAROLINE (CAROLINE) THOMSEN, born at Lild 1871, died in Staten Island, New York, 1951.

As mentioned before she lived with her uncle Chr. Caspersen at Tømmerby when she was a child, and she always remembered that time as a very happy one. Especially because her uncle let her work on his books for his store. When she was to be confirmed, her mother decided that she should move to Øsløs to her aunt Mariane Djernes married there to a farmer Peder Jensen, and here she was confirmed in 1885.

She yearned to become a teacher or a dressmaker, but her mother sent her to the homes of her younger sisters to learn how to keep house. The when relatives told her that she had a better chance of getting ahead in America, she left Denmark never to see her mother again.

Together with a friend she went to the United States and came to New Jersey in May 1894. Much against her mother's wishes she stayed there instead of going to her uncle Zack in Nebraska. Caroline felt she could better learn the English language if she took a job as a cook with an intellectual family where there were children. Different jobs followed and every time she improved her position, until she married Niels Christian Petersen at the home of the Corbin family in Metuchen, New Jersey, sometime in the year 1901. They moved to Elizabeth, New Jersey, where her husband Niels built five houses, all of which he lost because of labor strikes and hard times. -

Hard times followed Caroline throughout her entire life, but her heritage gave her character, if not wealth in the worldly sense. Hers was a spiritual inheritance

that was strengthened by her own exemplary and unbounding faith which supported her to her dying day.

Caroline's husband, Niels Christian Petersen, was born 1869 at Brændstrup in the parish of Rødding in Southern Jutland, and he was son of farmer Hans Petersen and Anne Marie Andersdatter. At the age of 17 he and his two brothers,

Peter and Martin, escaped over the border to avoid serving in the Kaiser's army and went to America. They left their farm home and became masons and carpenters in U.S.A.

Niels was a dreamer with ambitions for the better life. He worked on several inventions - including "the perpetuum mobile". However when he failed to get a patent on it, he went on an alcoholic spree so often that he no longer supported his family, and Caroline was forced to raise their five children apart from him from 1917, when the youngest child was only two years old.

It was a hard and toilsome life, and at an early age her children had to work to help sustaining their home. Great sorrows also came. Caroline lost her eldest son, Hans Andersen Petersen, when he was only 36. Another son - the youngest - Raymond was killed in action 1942 during World War II in the Pacific area, three days after he had become a major, as commander of the Third Group, 95th Bomb Squadron. His plane was shot down by the Japanese.

During her last years Caroline lived with her daughter Anna Marie (Anne) Peterson Paull, now Mrs. Richard F. Lane, and had some good years. In 1948 Anne lost her husband. She needed to get away from home for a while and went to Denmark with her old mother, and Caroline Thomsen thus lived to see again her native country.

She and Niels Christian Petersen had 5 children.

- 2) ANE MARIE JENSEN. She was born at Bjørnsholm, Himmerland, in 1878 and died at Lild in 1965.

About 1900 she was a maid with some relatives in Dier-næsgård and saw the total burning down of the old family farm in 1905. At the same time there was a farmhand working there whom she fell in love with, and 1906 they were married. He was Knudsen Andreas Nielsen, and he was born 1881 at

Lild as son of thatcher and small-holder Niels Brix Christensen and Ane Knudsen.

The young couple got a little homestead at Lund, but Knudsen was also a man-of-all-work. At his 90th birthday it was said in a speech, " Was there a pig to be killed, a pane to be put in, geese to be killed, sheep to be cut or bricks to be laid, then Knudsen was sent for".

Ane Marie and Knudsen Nielsen were married for almost 60 years. Knudsen now lives at the home for the aged at Frøstrup.

3 children.

C A S P A R A (S A R A) L A R S E N D I E R N I S A N D
L A R S C H R I S T I A N N I E L S E N (D O M M E R B Y)
A N D T H E I R C H I L D R E N

July 6th 1846 Helene Pedersdatter and her second husband, Lars Larsen Diernis in Madsbøl, got their first child, a girl who was baptized Caspara Larsen Diernis. She had the following godfathers and -mothers: Svend Diernis' wife from Lund, the farmers Jens Diernis from Rotbøl, Kasper Oddersbøl, Kold Diernis from Diernæs and schoolmaster Pedersen.

She grew up out here in the grand nature of Hjardemål Klit which of course stamped her. At an early age she was sent from home to make her own living, and she was a maid with her uncle Christen Jensen Vabesgård in Myrupgård, when she in 1868 in Lild Church was married to small-holder Lars Christian Nielsen from Hjardemål Klit. He was born 1842 in the parish of Tved and was son of farmer in Sønderby, Niels Christian Pedersen Sjælland and wife Else Marie Christensdatter. Already in 1844 the father died, and the mother married the 10 year younger Jens Jensen Dommerby, then a farmhand in Nors parsonage. In his old age Jens Dommerby lived his stepson, and the latter and his children naturally got the name of Dommerby.

Lars Christian Nielsen, who was also a wreck-master, and Caspara Diernis made a good home for their 6 children out here in Klit, but they had to toil for it.

In 1899 Lars Dommerby died, only 59 years old, and the little farm was worked by Sara Dommerby with the help of her son Edvard. For 30 years she was a widow and was the beloved Aunt Sara for the whole family. Her niece, Marie Kaspersen tells, "We were always received most heartily by our beloved Aunt Sara, - also when we came unexpectedly. And soon was said to our good cousin Edvard, "Can't you run down to the lake and see if there should be a tench in the trap". And there were always several. Then we had fried tenches and boiled duck's eggs at the nice table in the neat room.

When I was 14 years old and served as maid with her daughter Marie, married to Tidemann Nørgård, we were once taking home peat. I was to receive them on the loft and got something into my eye. When we had finished work I asked leave to go to Aunt Sara who could an eye. Marie was sorry that I had not said anything before, and I stamped out to Auntie and woke her up. Her kind maid Karoline - who later married Edvard - lit a candle and helped with the operation which succeeded, and I was put to bed, where I sank into Nirvana under all Aunt Sara's eiderdowns. ..

Another time - years later - we were walking out there. It was Sunday afternoon. Old Aunt Sara was sitting at one end of her table - under the picture of her late husband - with the Bible in front of her, listening to the service on the radio which her son Herman in America had given to her. Very quietly we sat down on the bench and waited until the service was over...."

In 1929 Caspara Larsen Diernis passed away. She and Lars Dommerby had 6 children:

- 1) JENS PETER NIELSEN (NELSON), born at Hjardemål Klit 1870, died in Nebraska 1930.

In 1886 he emigrated to U.S.A. and for some time stayed with his Uncle Zacharias at Marquette, Nebraska. Later he worked for the South Platte Creamy Company. In 1899 he

married Augusta Matilda Larsen in Hordville, Nebraska. She was born 1875 in Polk County, Nebraska, and her parents were Johan Lars Larsen and Johanna Christina Johnson who were married in Sweden about 1869 and came to the United States about 1875. In 1900 Jens Peter and Augusta moved to Clancy, Montana, where he worked on the railroad until 1904,

He then returned with his family to Nebraska and bought and operated a drayline in Stromsburg. In 1912 he began to farm south of Benedict, and here on the farm he lived with his family until his death in 1930.

Augusta is still living at a resthome in Fremont, Nebraska.

They had 4 children.

- 2) ELSE MARIE KAROLINE NIELSEN, a twin, born 1872 at Hjardemål Klit, died here 1946.

In 1898 she married farmer Tidemann Nørgård at Klit. He was born here 1875 and died 1950. He was son of farmer Jens Tidemansen Nørgård and wife Petrine Hansen.

Tidemann and Marie Nørgård worked a good farm on the frugal land and ploughed up a big piece of moor for cultivation. They had 4 children. Their only daughter, Sara, died young from consumption. On the day of her burial - while her coffin was standing in the barn - the stable burnt down.

- 3) LARS CHRISTIAN NIELSEN (NELSON), a twin, was born at Hjardemål Klit 1872, died in Montana about 1904. Like his big brother he emigrated to the States. He, too, first went to his Uncle Zacharias on whose farm he worked while learning the language. Later he worked on different farms together with his brother and then went to Clancy, Montana.

He married Josephine Nelson and moved to Great Falls. Here he worked on the railroad as a fireman. About 1904 he was drowned in the Missouri River.

They had one daughter.

- 4) EDVARD KRISTIAN NIELSEN, (from 1910 Dommerby). He was born at Hjardemål Klit 1877 and died at Frøstrup 1956.

For many years he helped his mother working the farm which he became owner of, when she died in 1929. He married Karoline Vabesgård who had been a maid on the farm. She was born 1887 at Lild and died at Hjardemål Klit 1938, and she was daughter of small-holder at Glæde, Jens Roesen Vabesgård and wife Andrea Jensen.

They had no children.

- 5) HERMAN NIELSEN (NELSON), was born at Hjardemål Klit 1880 and passed away at Grand Island, Nebraska, 1965.

As a young man he took a course in the building department of the Haslev High School and worked in his home town as a carpenter, before he went to the United States in 1903.

For some years he worked for the Montana Central Railroad in the bridge- and building department. They were hard and toilsome years, but he made so much money that he was able to return to Denmark to fetch his bride. In 1905 in Østerild Church he was married to Elise Jensen Andersen who was born at Thisted 1885 and died at Grand Island 1955. She was a daughter of mechanic Jens Peter Andersen and wife Kirsten Jensen.

After their marriage the young couple went back to U.S.A. On their way to Montana they were stopped at Grand Island by a big snowstorm. After some days Herman had no more money and had to take a job - and they never came to Montana but stayed for the rest of their lives at Grand Island. And they never regretted it. First Herman worked for the Kruse Brothers, The Geer and the Harrison companies before he began contracting for himself in 1908. In 1913 he established the Nelson Lumber and Supply Company in which he remained active until his death.

He was a member of Trinity Methodist Church, Ashlar Lodge No. 33 AF and AM, the Danish Brotherhood and the Liederkrantz Society.

Elected a member of the Grand Island Board of Education in 1918 he served for three years as chairman of the building and grounds committee.

Herman and Elise Nelson had 2 sons and 1 daughter.

- 6) CASPER AUGUSTINUS NIELSEN (from 1910 Dommerby). He was born 1882 at Hjardemål Klit and died at Frøstrup 1962.

When young he was apprenticed to a shopkeeper. When he had served his apprenticeship he became keeper of a co-operative stores at Hassing, later at Snedsted. He then became an independent shopkeeper at Hørdum, later at Snævre near Hjørring and at last at Frøstrup.

In 1908 he at Hillerslev was married to Anine Pedersen Odde who was born there 1883 and died in 1955 at Frøstrup. She was daughter of farmer Jens Pedersen Odde and wife Inger Odde.

They had 3 children.

C A S P E R J O S V A P R E E T Z M A N N L A R S E N
D I E R N I S A N D
G U R I N E Q U A M M E A N D T H E I R C H I L D R E N

In 1850 Helene Pedersdatter and Lars Madsbøl got their second child, a son. He was born at the farm Madsbøl, at Hjardemål Klit, and he got the names: Casper Josva Preetzmann Larsen Diernis. Among his godfathers were: Ane Pedersdatter from Øsløs parsonage, Kasper Koldkjær from Lild, Lars Klit and Christen Bløde from Klit and farmer Anders Pedersen from Arup.

In 1866 Casper Larsen came to Øsløs to be a farmhand with Jens Chr. Madsen but then left for the United States in 1871. To begin with he worked in Illinois. Later he went to Nebraska where so many of his relatives since then have settled. In 1880 he in Hamilton County married Gurine O. Quamme who had immigrated when two years old with her parents from Norway to Decora, Iowa. She was born in 1859 in Norway and died at Tyler, Minnesota, in 1918.

In 1893 the family left Nebraska where Casper Larsen had been farming, and went to Minnesota. They settled south of Tyler and had a farm there. Later Casper Larsen with his family moved to Tyler and started a restaurant which he had until he retired. In 1923 Casper Josva Preetzmann Larsen Diernis passed away in Tyler.

He and Gurine Quamme had 8 children.

- 1) GUSTA HELENA LARSEN, born in Nebraska 1881, died 1952.
In 1904 she married Chris Christensen who died 1948.
They had 1 daughter.
- 2) KRISTINE LOUISE LARSEN, born in Nebraska 1883, died 1957.
In 1905 she married Carl G. Aanestad who died 1942.
They had 5 children.
- 3) LARS OLAI LARSEN, born in Nebraska 1885, died 1938.
In 1916 he married Ruth Graham who died 1956.
They had 2 children.
- 4) ANNA MARIE LARSEN, born in Nebraska 1887.
In 1907 she married John August Burckhardt who died 1959.
Anna Burckhardt now lives in Russell, Minnesota.
She has 2 daughters and an adopted son.
- 5) CASPER JOSVA PREETZMANN LARSEN, born in Nebraska 1888,
died in 1971.
In 1915 he married Rosa Norstrom.
2 children.
- 6) CLARA GURINE LARSEN, born in Nebraska 1891.
In 1913 she married John Murphy who died 1954.
3 children.
- 7) NELLIE HENRIETTE LARSEN, born in Minnesota 1893, died
1965.
In 1912 she married Hans Lange who died 1970.
They had 3 daughters.
- 8) JOHN THOMAS LARSEN, born 1896 in Minnesota, died 1918 in
France while serving in the American Army during World War I.
He was unmarried.

M A R I A N E L A R S E N D J E R N E S A N D
P E D E R J E N S E N A N D T H E I R C H I L D R E N

Helene Pedersdatter's and Lars Madsbøl's third child was Mariane Larsen Djernes. She was born in Madsbøl 1853 and died at Øsløs 1929. Among her godfathers and -mothers were: farmer Kold Diernis' wife from Glæde and farmer Lars Klit.

At an early age she left home to make a living, and in 1870 - when the census took place - she was in Vabesgård at Lund where she was a maid with some relatives, Ann Margrethe Larsdatter and her two sons, Jens Jensen Vabesgård and Niels Chr. Vabesgård.

In 1881 she was married to farmer Peder Jensen at Øsløs. He was born here in 1851 and also died here in 1911. He was son of farmer Jens Pedersen from Arup and wife Banned Kjerstine Frandsdatter from Øsløs.

The young couple took over the family farm called Højgård, and here their 9 children grew up.

- 1) BENNED KIRSTINE JENSEN, born at Øsløs 1882, died when only a baby in 1883.
- 2) BENNED KIRSTINE JENSEN, born at Øsløs 1883, died here 1893.
- 3) JENS LAURITS JENSEN, born in Højgård at Øsløs 1885, died here 1954. Trained for farming. He took over Højgård after his father's death, and his mother Mariane Djernes lived with him and his wife until she died in 1929.

In 1917 he married his cousin, Marie Jensen, who was born 1892 at Kjelstrup. She is daughter of farmer Frantz Andreas Jensen and wife Johanne Elisabeth Jensen, and she now lives at Vesløs in the home for the aged.

They had no children themselves but had a foster-child.

- 4) HELENE MARIE JENSEN, born in Højgård at Øsløs 1887, died in 1966.

For some years she was married to small-holder at Tved, Jakob Eriksen, who had been married twice before and had

5 children. It was an unhappy marriage, and at last Marie left the home never to return, and they were divorced.

She became a housekeeper and later got a little house where she lived until she died in 1966.

She had no children.

- 5) LARS JENSEN, born in Højgård at Øsløs 1888, died here 1941. Trained for farming. In 1914 he was married to his cousin, Anna Kaspersen . She was born at Tømmerby 1885 and died at Øsløs 1948. She was daughter of shopkeeper and farmer Christian P. Caspersen and wife Ane Marie Jepsen.

Lars and Anna Jensen had a little farm at Øsløs where their 4 children grew up.

- 6) ELUF JENSEN, born in Højgård at Øsløs 1891, died here 1964. Trained for farming. He had a farm at Øsløs. In 1916 he married Kamilla Marie Winther who was born in America 1894 and died at Øsløs 1959. She was daughter of farmer Lars Winther and wife Thomasine Marie Laursen.

Eluf and Kamilla Jensen had 9 children of whom one died as a baby.

- 7) ANNE JENSEN, born in Højgård at Øsløs 1893, died 1926.

In 1920 she married farmer at Thorup Holme, Martin Nielsen (Abildgård) who was born at Frøstrup Hede in the parish of Tømmerby 1890 and who died 1961. He was son of farmer Niels Chr. Nielsen and wife Maren Kristine Nielsen (Kærup).

Martin and Anne Abildgård had 1 son and 1 daughter. The son now owns his mother's native farm, Højgård, at Øsløs.

- 8) VIGGO CHRISTIAN JENSEN, born in Højgård at Øsløs 1894, died in Thisted 1967. Trained for farming.

For many years Viggo Jensen was a mailman and at the same time worked the farm Lillestensgård near Thisted. In 1923 he married Petrine Hangaard Hansen who was born at Skjoldborg 1902. She is daughter of the late farmer at Skjoldborg, Peter Hansen and wife Petrine Jensen Hangaard.

Petrine Jensen now lives in Thisted, and she has 5 children.

9) HARALD JENSEN, born in Højgård at Øsløs 1896, died at Thisted Mark 1959.

He had a little homestead here where he lived alone.

ERIK ZACHARIAS PREETZMANN LARSEN
DJERNES AND
MAREN RASMUSSEN AND THEIR CHILDREN

Helene Pedersdatter's and Lars Larsen Madsbøl's last child, a son, was born in Madsbøl at Hjørdemål Klit in 1855, and he passed away 1932 in Nebraska.

He was baptized in Hjørdemål Church where the tombstone over his great-great-great-great-grandfather, Laurids Jensen Koch, is still to be seen. Among his godfathers and -mothers were: the farmers Kasper Koldkjær, Lars Klit, Jens Tidemannsen, Peder Ellidsbøl and Kasper Oddersbøl.

In 1870 in February when the census took place he lived with his mother, Helene Pedersdatter, and his halfbrother, Lars Chr. Caspersen, in their little homestead at Lild, but a few months later he left for Øsløs to become a farmboy like his brother Casper.

No doubt the miserable circumstances which had led to the loss of their native home, Madsbøl, and their parents' separation because of their father's drinking and gambling made the two young men turn their backs on their native country, and in 1871 they emigrated to the United States.

They first went to Elgin, Illinois, and for four years Zacharias worked on a farm here. Then he in a covered wagon went to Nebraska, and first stop here was Cordova where he for another three years worked on a farm.

Then he heard that he could buy cheap railroad land in Hamilton County, and on October 12th 1877 he came to this county and bought 80 acres which he began to cultivate. In 1880 he married Maren Rasmussen who was born in 1852 and who in 1905 passed away on their farm near Marquette, Nebraska.

As time passed their farm became a center for their many nephews and nieces who emigrated from Denmark to U.S.A. Here they could stay while learning to read and write English and at the same time work on the farm for board and lodging.

Zacharias Larsen's grandchild, Vera, who with her twin, Vivian, stayed on the farm during their first year of highschool, tells about their grandfather, "He would never tell us a thing. I guess the ending of his father's career and home was so bitter and sad that he did not want us to know anything about it. Grandfather lived a very stern and disciplined life. Mercenary to the point sometimes of making life uncomfortable for the family. But he was a very good Christian man and known as an honest good neighbour by all. Every night he read in his Bible, and he loved to tell us stories of Jesus. I was so proud how he overcame his unhappy experiences with his father losing his land by prospering himself and still be a good Christian man".

In 1932 Erik Zacharias Preetzmann Larsen Djernes passed away.

He and Maren Rasmussen had 5 children of whom only two lived to grow up:

- 1) LARS CHRISTIAN LARSEN. He was born in Nebraska 1887 and trained for farming. After his father's death in 1932 he took over the family farm. He had more than 200 acres under the plough and also some original prairie land which he would not cultivate but keep as it was.

In 1917 he was married in St. John's Evangelical Church, Kronborg, - where he was also confirmed - to Anna Margaret Sørensen who was born in 1896. She is daughter of Lars Christian Sørensen who emigrated from Salling, Denmark, and wife Anna Bothilda Petersen who emigrated from South Schleswig.

Lars Larsen is very musical, and when he was a young man he played in different bands. This gift for art and music seems to have been inherited by his children and grandchildren, among whom there are several artists and music teachers.

Lars Larsen and his wife Margaret now live in California with their daughter Vera and her husband, Clifford Eriksen, who is also of Danish descent. Moreover they have a daughter and a son.

- 2) KAREN LENA LARSEN. She was born in Nebraska 1891 and she died 196?

After her mother's early death she kept the house for her father, and she was a very good housekeeper. When her father passed away in 1932 she married a farmhand by the name of John Michel. He came from Waterloo, Iowa. He was an efficient farmer and a good husband.

They had no children.