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ONCE UPON A TIME IN MONTANA

- THE STORY OF THE SUNDSTED FAMILY - Part II

Recorded by Gitta Bechshøft - a Danish relative - 2022/2023

First troop of the Danish Dagmar colony wagon-train camping at Culbertson, Montana...

*Above the tent a Danish and an American flag.
Behind the tent the church where the settlers
stayed overnight several days because of bad
weather conditions.*

Photo: Skovlund Sognearkiv



DAGMAR - SHERIDAN - MONTANA
- just south of the Canadian border -



Members of the Sundsted family settling in Dagmar:

In 1907 **Erik** (b.1880) and **Anton** (b.1882), homesteaded nine miles northwest of Dagmar.

Their sisters: **Elsine Katrine** (b.1887) homesteaded in 1908 and **Marie Magdalene** (b.1886) took her homestead in 1910. Brother **Thomas** (b.1889) and their father, **B-2. Knud Sundsted** (b.1840) also arrived that year together with his wife, Marie.

Grandpa Knud said when he came to Dagmar in 1910: *"This is good soil."*

Grandpa Knud died in 1911 and was buried in the Nathanael Lutheran Cemetery of Dagmar.

ERIK SUNDSTED HOMESTEAD SHACK - 1907



ELSINE KATRINE SUNDSTED's HOMESTEAD SOD SHACK - 1907

Elsine Katrine, the "mother" of the family, ran the household on the Sundsted Company farm for many years before she married Jim Kaae in 1926.



In the spring of 1908, **E-2, C.C. Christen "Chris" Sundsted**, the father of "Maggie" and her husband, **Chris Johansen** (1882-1944) decided to take advantage of the Homestead Act.

They filed on pieces of adjoining land some seven miles southeast of Antelope. A small frame house was built on C.C. Sundsted's land. They began to erect a sod shack and then went back to their families in Racine WI. for the winter.

In the spring of 1909, both families came out to settle permanently on the Montana prairie.

"Maggie" and her husband, with their two little girls, Elsine (b.1907) and Agnes (b. 1908) lived with Grandpa Sundsted's in his frame house, until their own two room, two window, sod shack could be completed.

Here their children, Carl was born in 1911; Chris in 1913; a daughter, Helen, who lived only two months in 1917; and a daughter, Helen, in 1918.

In 1907, after reading articles about the Danish settlement **Dagmar** in the Danish-language newspapers, "**Dannevirke**" and "**Den Danske Pioneer**", the family members:

Anton (1882-1964), **Erik** (1880-1971) and **Elsine Katrine** (1887-1976) arrived in Montana from Racine Wisconsin.

They homesteaded in Dagmar, which became known as "Racine Valley" because of the many Danish immigrants who came from Racine.

In 1908 **C.C. Sundsted**, (1854-1921), his wife **Ane Marie** (1885-1904) and their youngest son **Niels** (1902-1980) arrived. Their older son, **Thomas**, (1890-1958) came in 1910, but returned to Racine in 1913.

In 1909, **Magdalene "Maggie"** (1879-1949) her husband, "**Chris**" **Johansen**, (1882-1949). Also, her cousin, **Marie Magdalene** (1886-1971) married 1912 to **Mikkel Poulsen** (1886-1963) also arrived and homesteaded in Racine Valley.

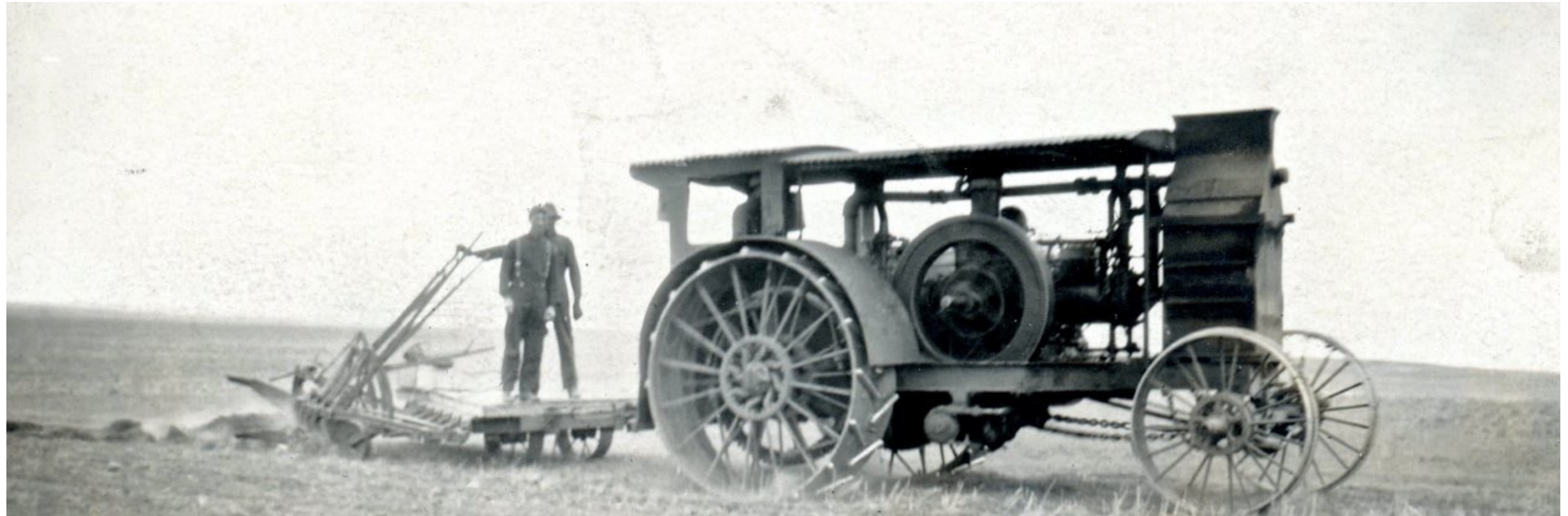
E-5. C.C. Sundsted's home under construction – 1907

During the summer of 1908, C.C. Sundsted constructed a house consisting of three rooms, a kitchen and clothes room. It was the only house in the neighborhood constructed of wood which had to be hauled by wagon from Culbertson.



MOGUL GAS FARM TRACTOR BREAKING SOD

Erik Sundsted broke 400 acres with a walking plow. Later with Moguls, Titans and Fordson tractors they ended up with 1900 acres broke to farm. Erik said the Moguls were a junk pile, the Titans were worse, but the Fordsons were heaven.



SUNDSTED COMPANY - Breaking sod with a Fordson Tractor

The Fordson Model F had a 4-cylinder gasoline engine, a 3-speed transmission, and a worm gear final drive. It had four wheels and looked a little like a modern tractor with the exception that the wheels were all steel with no rubber tires and instead sported metal spikes for traction in soil.



SUNDSTED FAMILY COMPANY - BREAKING SOD
- family members, hired hands and children participated -



SUNDSTED COMPANY THRESRING RIG -POWERED BY AN INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER (IH)

In 1912 the Sundsted Farm Company bought their own threshing rig, a Case 36" separator powered by their Mogul. At that time, they had several separators and threshed until 1926 when they bought a 16' Case combine. One fall they cut over 2200 acres between their own and custom combining.



SUNDSTED COMPANY - THRESHING RIG IN ACTION



SUNDSTED FAMILY COMPANY HOUSE 1915

Sundsted Family Company

When the five brothers and sisters homesteaded in Montana and built their company house, they divided the work between them in the most practical way – each according to ability and preferences:

Erik became the foreman,
Anton was the mechanic,
Thomas the bookkeeper,
and the two sisters **Marie**
and **Katrine** became cooks
and housekeepers.



SUNDSTED COMPANY COOK CAR
Bringing hot meals to the workers in the fields during harvest time -



JUNE 5th CELEBRATION - SUNDSTED COMPANY HOUSE

Constitution Day (Danish: *Grundlovsdag*) is observed in Denmark on 5 June.

The day honors the first Constitution of Denmark 1849.

On that day in 1915 Danish women won the right to vote.

Grundlovsdag is widely celebrated throughout Denmark with church congregations, associations and political organizations meeting for what are essentially "secular services". These services include the raising of **Dannebrog**, the Danish flag, a short speech by a local politician or celebrity, and collective singing (Danish: **fællessang**).



DAGMAR STOREFRONT - POST OFFICE - GARAGE



MAIN STREET DAGMAR – Garage and Dagmar Store on right hand side



NATHANAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - DAGMAR MONTANA



Nathanael Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized June 9, 1907, less than a year after the first Danish settlers came to the area and established the colony of Dagmar, Montana.

In the summer of 1910, a small meeting house was completed at a cost of \$1200, and it was used for social gatherings as well as worship. The cornerstone was laid during the **midsummerfest** in 1915, and the church was dedicated December 17, 1916.

INTERIOR - NATHANAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - DAGMAR

Even today Nathanael is still a totally rural church with the parsonage across the yard from the church.

The congregation bought ten acres for a building site. A cemetery was dedicated across the corner from the church property on August 21, 1909, and that same day one of the first to take land in the colony was buried there.

A copy of the statue (original 1821) by the Danish sculptor Bertel Thorvaldsen is considered the most perfect statue of Christ in the world. It exists in many copies, both in churches in Denmark and in other churches around the world.

Christ is represented with open arms, saying to the world 'come to me and I will give you rest'.



SANKT HANS - MIDSOMMER FESTIVITIES - DAGMAR - 23 June 1926
- picture taken from the church tower -



Afternoon Visit, Sundsted Company House, ca. 1918

From left: Miss Jacobsen, a teacher who boarded at the Sundsted's, Maggie Johansen holding daughter Helen, Elsine Johansen, Mrs. Sigvart (Anna) Johansen holding daughter Minnie, Agnes Johansen holding Carl Sundsted, and Katrine Kaae holding Johanne Sundsted.



LEW WALLACE SCHOOL - DAGMAR - established 1912



JIM & VELMA KAAE

JENS "Jim" PETER NIELSEN KAAE (b. 16 Feb.1886 Tolstrup - d. 15 Dec. 1978 Plentywood, Sheridan, Montana). Married to **VELMA L. STAY** (b. 11 June 1889 - d. 9 June 1923 Dagmar).

In the spring of 1918, they arrived with their son Kenneth at Dagmar Sheridan, Montana

CHILDREN:

1. Kenneth James Kaae: (b. 1 Dec.1914 Clifton, Kansas - d. 3 June1983 Plentywood.) Married in Dagmar 17 Dec. 1944 to Emilie Rose (f. Nielsen) (b. 22 April1914 - d. 1996)

2. Glenn Alfred Kaae: (b. 30 June 1918 Dagmar - d. 14 January 2003.) Married in Los Angeles, CA to Gwendolyn Lorraine "Gwen" (b. 9 oct. 1926 - d. 25 May1988)

3. Irene Eta Kaae: (b.15 June1920 Dagmar - d. 27 Jan. 1921 Dagmar.) less than 1 year old.

4. Velmar Rene Kaae: (b. 3 June 1923 Dagmar - d. 29 May 1943 Fort Polk, Louisiana.)After his mother died in childbirth, their son was raised by relatives in Kansas.



JIM KAAE with SONS KENNETH and GLENN

Jim Kaae's first wife was Velma L. Stay (b. 11.6.1889 - d. 9.6.1923) - They had 4 children:

Kenneth James Kaae:

(b. 1 December 1914 Clifton, Kansas - d. 3 June 1983 Plentywood, Sheridan, Montana). Married in Dagmar, Montana 17 December 1944 to Emilie Rose (Nielsen) (b. 22 April 1914 - d. 1996)

Glenn Alfred Kaae:

(b. 30.6.1918 Dagmar, Sheridan, Montana - 14.1.2003) Married in Los Angeles, California to Gwendolyn Lorraine "Gwen" (f. 9.10.1926 - d. 25.5.1988)

Not on picture:

Irene Eta Kaae: (b. 15 June 1920 Dagmar, Sheridan, Montana - d. 27 Jan. 1920 / 21?) died less than a year old.

Velmar Rene Kaae: (b. 3 June 1923 Dagmar, Sheridan, Montana - d. 29 May 1943 Fort Polk, Louisiana)



KENNETH and GLENN KAAE - on the family homestead Dagmar

Left: **Kenneth James Kaae**

(b. 1 December 1914 Clifton,
Kansas - d. 3 June 1983
Plentywood, Sheridan, Montana).

*Married in Dagmar, Montana on 17
December 1944 to Emilie Rose
(Nielsen) (b. 22 April 1914 - 1996)*

Right: **Glenn Alfred Kaae**

(b. 30.6.1918 Dagmar, Sheridan,
Montana - 14.1.2003)

*Married in Los Angeles, California
to Gwendolyn Lorraine "Gwen"
(b. 9 Oct. 1926 - d. 25 May 1988)*



KAAE FAMILY - PLAYING MUSIC



EIGEL SUNDSTED 1925 - 1952
KNUD KAAE - 1927-2018



Left - EIGEL CLARENCE SUNDSTED:

(b. 20 Oct. 1925 Dagmar - d. 15 Nov. 1952
Seattle, King County)

PARENTS:

Esther E. Schultz (b.15 February 1904 Terslev,
Denmark - d. 2 Dec.1986 Seattle, King)

Niels Christensen Sundsted (b.19 Oct.1902
Racine, Wisconsin - d. 28 May 1980, King,
Washington)

Right - KNUD PETER KAAE:

(b. 27 April 1927 Plentywood, Sheridan,
Montana - d. 20 March 2018, Billings
Yellowstone)

PARENTS:

Elsine Kathrine Sundsted (b. 24 July 1887
Poulstrup, - d. 25 February 1976 Plentywood,
Sheridan Montana)

Jens (Jim) Peter Nielsen Kaae (b. 16 February
1886, Tulstrup - d. 15 December 1978
Plentywood, Sheridan Montana)

The two cousins are playing outside the home of
Eigel's Parents. Maybe around 1930?

JENS "Jim" PETER NIELSEN KAAE

Daughter of B-2. Knud Christensen
Sundsted (1840-1911):

Elsine Kathrine Sundsted (b. 24 July
1887 Poulstrup, Denmark – d. 25
February 1976 Plentywood, Sheridan
Montana) Emigrated 1906.

Married 26 September 1926 in
Dagmar, Montana to:

Jens "Jim" Peter Nielsen Kaae (b. 16
February 1886 Tulstrup, Denmark – d.
15 December 1978 Plentywood,
Sheridan Montana)

Emigrated 1906



**ELSINE KATRINE & JENS PETER "JIM" KAAE
with their son Knud**

KATRINE & JENS PETER "Jim" Nielsen KAAE with son, Knud.

Elsine Kathrine Sundsted Kaae (b. 24 July 1887 Poulstrup, Denmark – d. 25 February, 1976 Plentywood, Sheridan Montana)

Emigrated 1906. Married (26 Sept. 1926) to:

Jens "Jim" Peter Nielsen Kaae (b. 16 February 1886, Tulstrup, Denmark – d. 15 December 1978 Plentywood, Sheridan Montana) Emigrated ?

CHILDREN:

KNUD PETER Nielsen KAAE:

(b. 27 April 1927 Plentywood, Sheridan, Montana – d. 20 March 2018, Billings Yellowstone). *Married 27 May 1956 in Dagmar Montana to Elinor Thorning, b. Poulsen. (data?)*

ERLING JENS KAAE:

(b. 7 February 1931 Dagmar Montana – d. 8 December 2021) *Married in Pampa, Texas 10 May 1953 to Jessie Marie Fuller.*

*Note: In 1909/10? Elsin Kathrine went back to Denmark to bring her old father, **B-2. Knud Kristensen Sundsted** (1840-1911) to his family in Dagmar, Montana.*



KATRINE & JIM KAAE with 4 sons 1944



Kenneth James Kaae (b. 1 December 1914 Clifton, Kansas - d. 3 June 1983 Plentywood, Sheridan, Montana)

Married in Dagmar, Montana 17 December 1944 to Emilie Rose (Nielsen) (b. 22 April 1914 - 1996)

Glenn Alfred Kaae (b. 30 June 1918 Dagmar, Sheridan, Montana - d. 14 January 2003)

Married in Los Angeles, California to Gwendolyn Lorraine "Gwen" (b. 9.10.1926 - d. 25.5.1988)

Knud Peter Nielsen Kaae (b. 24 July 1927 Dagmar Montana - d. 20 March 2018,)

Married 27 May 1956 in Dagmar Montana med Elinor Poulsen, Thorning (data?)

Erling Jens Kaae (b. 7 February 1931 Dagmar Montana - d. 8 Dec. 2021)

Married in Pampa, Texas 10 May 1953 to Jessie Marie, Fuller



KATRINE & JIM KAAE 1966

**Married 26 September 1926 in
Dagmar, Montana.**

Elsine Kathrine Sundsted:

(Daughter of B-2. Knud Sundsted 1840-1911)

Born 24 July 1887 Poulstrup,
Denmark - died 25 February, 1976
Plentywood, Sheridan Montana.

Emigrated 1906.

Jens "Jim" Peter Nielsen Kaae:

born 16 February 1886 Tulstrup,
Denmark - died 15 December 1978
Plentywood, Sheridan Montana.

Emigrated ?

ANTON & HELGA SUNDSTED with son ERIK

(Son of B-2. Knud Sundsted - 1840-1911),

Anton Christensen Sundsted: (b. 20 March 1882, Poulstrup, Vrejlev, Denmark - d. 11 March 1964, Dagmar, Sheridan Montana). *Emigrated 1902.*

Married to (date?) **Helga D. Schultz:**

(b. 17 Feb. 1897, Gentofte, Cph. Denmark. - d. 19 Aug. 1984, Glasgow, Valley, Montana)

CHILDREN:

Erik Schultz Sundsted (b. 11 Sept. 1923 Dagmar, Montana - d. 11 March 2012, Plentywood, Sheridan, Montana).

Knud Schultz Sundsted (b. 1925 Dagmar, Montana - d. 8 Sept. 1929, 4 years old)

Carl Anton Schultz Sundsted (b. 1927 - Dagmar, Montana - d. 24 January 1931, 3 years old)

Karna Schultz Sundsted (b. 10 May 1930 Dagmar, - d. ?)

Dora Schultz Sundsted (b. 12 March 1932 Dagmar, - d. ?)

Anton "Tony" Schultz Sundsted (f. 23 February 1936 Dagmar, - d. ?).





KNUD, ERIK and CARL ANTON SUNDSTED 1927

Children of **Anton Christensen Sundsted** (1882 -1964), and **Helga D. Schultz** (1897-1984).

Knud Schultz Sundsted - died at 4 years:

(b. 1925, Dagmar - d. 8 September 1929)

Erik Schultz Sundsted (middle in photo)

(b. 11 September 1923 Dagmar, Montana -
d. 11 March 2012, Plentywood, Sheridan,
Montana).

Carl Anton Schultz Sundsted - died at 3
years:

(b. 1927, Dagmar - d. 24 January 1931)

**- A WAGON TRAIN -
delivering furniture and building material to a homesteader**





ANTON & HELGA SUNDSTED in front of their home 1926?

Anton Christensen Sundsted (1882-1964) son of B-2, Knud Christensen Sundsted (1840-1911) emigrated to USA in 1906. Anton married a Danish woman, **Helga D. Schultz** (1897-1984).

In the window, a tall man and a young woman, holding a little child.

Possibly the couple is Anton's younger cousin:

Niels Christensen Sundsted (b.19 Oct. 1902 Racine, WI. - d. 28 May 1980 Seattle). Son of Anton's uncle E-5, C.C. "Chris" Christensen Sundsted) and his wife:

Helga's younger sister, **Esther E. Schultz** (b. 15 Feb. 1904 in Terslev, Denmark - d. 2 Dec. 1986 Seattle, King, Washington)

with son, **Eigel Clarence Sundsted**, (b. 20 Oct. 1925 Dagmar - d. 15 Nov. 1952 Seattle, King County, Washington).



Thomas & Ella Sundsted WEDDING - 29 June 1916

Center left: Bridegroom, (son of E-5. C.C. Christensen Sundsted 1854-1921):

THOMAS CHRISTENSEN SUNDSTED,
(b.12 Aug.1890, Vrensted, Denmark - d.
30. December 1964, Racine Wisconsin.)
Emigrated 1890

Center right: Bride: **ELLA Carolyn
Johnson** (b.14 March 1896 Morgan, MN -
d. 20 July 1993)

2 CHILDREN:

Fredrick Sundsted (b. 11.3.1918)

Adell Sundsted (b. 3.12.1922)

Far left: Bridegroom's cousin, son of B-2.
Knud Christensen Sundsted:

ANTON CHRISTENSEN SUNDSTED (b.
20 March 1882 - d. 11 March 1964)

Far right: Anton's wife, **HELGA
SUNDSTED**, (b.17 Feb.1897 Gentofte
Denmark - d.19 Aug. 1984).

*Note: Thomas arrived in Dagmar in 1910, two years after
his father C.C. Sundsted, but returned to Racine, Wisconsin
in 1913.*

THOMAS CHRISTIAN CHRISTENSEN SUNDSTED & FAMILY (1936?)

Son of B-2. Knud Christensen Sundsted: **Thomas Christian Christensen Sundsted**, (b. 25 Sept. 1889, Vrensted, Denmark - d.16 Oct. 1964, Plentywood, Montana). Emigrated 1906. Married 29 June 1916 in Dagmar , Montana to **Ella Carolyn Johnson** (b. 14 March 1896 Morgan, MN - d. 20 July 1993)

7 CHILDREN:

1. Johanna Elmine Sundsted: (b. 25 March 1917, Sheridan, MT - d. 30 July 1934, Helena). Married 22 June 1938 in Dagmar, to Arne (Arnie) Alfred Rasmussen (b.14 Oct. 1915 - d. 22 Jan. 2000, Helena).

2. Carl (Christian) Sundsted: (b.15 May 1918, Dagmar - d. 9 March 2003 Mesa, AZ). Married 3 Nov. 1945 in Moorehead, MN. to Mabel Svendson (b.19 Nov. 1925, Alkabo, North Dakota)

3. Dorothy Christine Sundsted: (b. 21 Sept. 1920, Dagmar - d.19 Feb. 2006 Redding, CA). Married A: 5 Oct. 1945 to Lorin Smith Hart (b. 16 July 1916 Redding, CA - d. 9 Aug. 1970, CA) Married B: 4 Dec. 1971 to William Francis Reilly (b. 2 July 1939, San Fransisco)

4. Edith Katrine Sundsted: (b. 27 Sept 1923, Dagmar - d. 15.4.2006 Largo, Florida) Married A: to Erling Romstad. Married B: Harold Blair.

5. Jens Thomas Sundsted: (b. 8.3.1926, Dagmar - d. 12 Jan. 2019 Plentywood, Sheridan) Married A: to Mayme Rorvig (b. 1930 - d. 1991) Married B: 1993 to Gertrud Egland.

6. Anna Christensen Sundsted: (b. 30 Sept.1928, Dagmar). Married A: 31 Oct. 1948 to Russel Conway (1927-1971) Married 1993 B: to Chester Sorenson (b.1920).

7. Carol Ardelle Sundsted: (b. 30 August 1939, Plentywood, Montana). Married 11 Dec. 1960 to Henry Andrew Stokke (b.1929).



MIKKEL & MARIE POULSEN on their farm

Marie Magdalene Christensen Sundsted, (b. 2 April 1886, Poulstrup, Vrejlev sogn - d. 1 February 1971 Plentywood, Sheridan Montana). Daughter of **B-2. Knud Christensen Sundsted**. She emigrated in 1906. (1904?)

Marie came to Dagmar in 1909. In 1912, she married **Mikkel Poulsen**, (f. 3 June 1886, Nøderup, Rinkøbing, Denmark - d. 15 August 1963, Plentywood, Sheridan, Montana). He emigrated in October 1906.

Due to a clause in the Homestead Act, they were unable to keep both their homesteads when they married. They decided to keep Marie's, which at that time was just a sod shack.

4 CHILDREN:

1. Knud Christian Poulsen (b. 20 June 1912 Dagmar, Sheridan, Montana - d. 30 Sept. 1994 Brazoria, Texas) Married 26 December 1941 to Ruth Elisabeth Swanson.

2. Karen Christiana Poulsen (b. 27 December 1914 Dagmar, Sheridan Montana - d. 9 May 1995 Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, Iowa). Married 8 January 1938 to Fred Munk Pedersen

3. Ann Viola Poulsen (b. 28 March 1917 Dagmar, Sheridan, Montana - d. 8 April 1997, Placer, California) Married 27 May 1950 to Mardis Gleason.

4. Ole Poulsen (b. 1923 Dagmar - d. 1923 Dagmar).





KNUD CHRISTIAN POULSEN 1912-1994

Knud Christian Poulsen

(b. 20 June 1912 Dagmar, Sheridan,
Montana - d. 30 Sept. 1994 Brazoria,
Texas)

Son of: **Marie Magdalene Poulsen**,
(1886-1917) and **Mikkel Poulsen**
(1886-1963).

Both were born in Denmark.

**Three children were born to them on
this homestead.**

Knud Christian was born in the sod
shack, their first home. His sisters,
Karen Christiana and **Ann Viola**
were born in a little two room house
the parents had built on their land.

In 1918 they sold their homestead to
the Sundsted brothers and bought a
farm five miles northeast of their old
homestead where there was more
room for expansion.

**MAGDALENE "Maggie" SUNDSTED &
HANS CHRISTIAN "CHRIS" JOHANSEN**

WEDDING 19 JULY 1905

Daughter of E-5. C.C: Sundsted, **Magdalene, "Maggie" Christensen** (b. 28 October 1879 Vrensted, - d. 27 June 1949 Plentywood, Sheridan, Montana). Emigrated 1890.

Married 19 July 1905 **Hans Christian "Chris" Johansen.** (b. 28 Oct. 1882 Skovgaard, Denmark - d. 12 April 1944 Dagmar, Sheridan, Montana) Emigrated 1899.

The couple , both born in Denmark, arrived in Dagmar, Racine Valley, in 1909. They had 6 Children.



ELSINE, CHRIS and AGNES JOHANSEN

Their mother, daughter of E-5. C.C. Sundsted:

MAGDALENE "Maggie" JOHANSEN, (b. 28 Sept. 1879
- d. 27 June 1949, Dagmar)

Their father: Hans Christian "Chris" Johansen. (b. 28
Oct. 1882 Skovgaard, Denmark - d. 12 April 1944, Dagmar).

6 CHILDREN:

1. Elsine Johansen (b. 7 June 1907 Racine, Wisconsin)
Married to Wilfred Pedersen, Dagmar.

2. Agnes Johansen (b. 26 Oct. 1908 Racine, WI)
Married Lester Brenteson in Plentywood, Sheridan,
Montana.

The parents arrived in Dagmar, Racine Valley, 1909.

3. Carl Lehn Johansen (b. 13 Sept. 1911, Dagmar)
Married to Leora Lodahl, Dagmar.

4. Christian "Chris" Johansen (b. 14 June 1913,
Dagmar) Married to Betty Crum.

5. Helen Johansen (b. 1917, Dagmar - d. 1917, Dagmar)

6. Helen Johansen (b. 5 Nov. 1918, Dagmar) Married to
Arthur Christensen.





WEDDING

Christen “Chris” Knudsen Sundsted & Martine Olsen

Son of B-2. Knud Christensen
Sundsted (1840-1911): **Christen
“Chris” Knudsen Sundsted**, (b.
Poulstrup, Vrejlev, Denmark 10
Sept. 1875 – d. 5 Sept. 1951, Racine
Wisconsin).

Emigrated 1901. 26 years old.

Married (date?) to **Martine Olsen**,
(b. 1887, Denmark – d. Racine WI
1960.)

Emigrated 1908. 21 years old.

CHILDREN ?



COUSINS
ERIK SUNDSTED and EDITH
SUNDSTED

ERIK SCHULTZ SUNDSTED

(b. 11 September 1923 Dagmar, Montana - d. 11
March 2012, Plentywood, Sheridan, Montana).

Son of **Anton Christensen Sundsted** (1882 -
1964) and **Helga D. Schultz.** (1897-1984)

EDITH KATRINE SUNDSTED

(b. 27 Sept 1923 Dagmar, Montana - d. 15 April
2006 Largo, Florida).

Daughter of **Thomas Christian Christensen**
Sundsted, (1889-1964) and **Ella Carolyn**
Johnson (1896-1993)

ERIC CHRISTENSEN SUNDSTED
(1880 -1971)

(Son of B-2. Knud Christensen Sundsted)

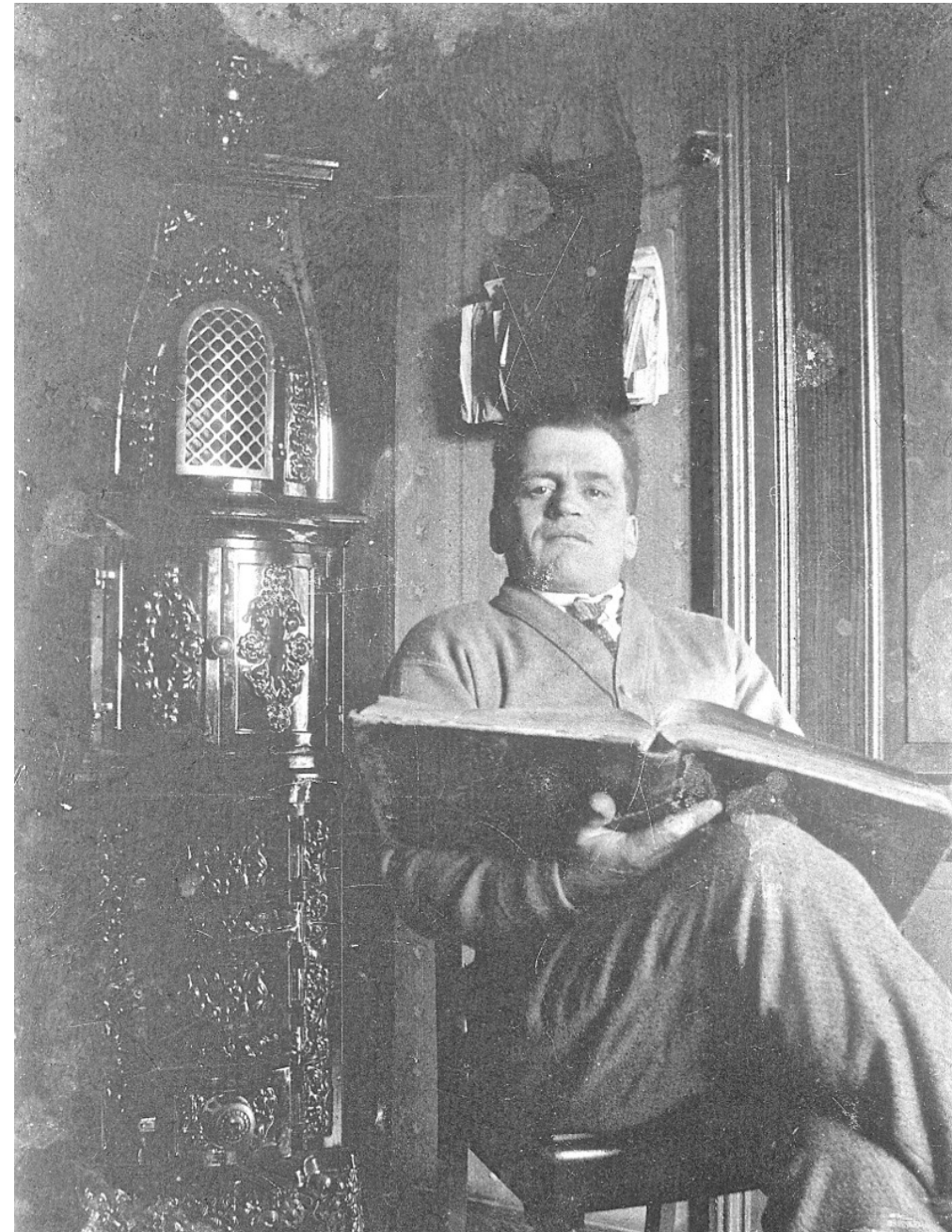
Born: 27 March 1880, Poulstrup, Denmark

**Died: 20 April 1971 Plentywood Montana,
USA**

Emigrated 1902. Not married.

Erik Sundsted, built two living monuments to himself in the Dagmar community. These were in the form of attractive groves of trees on the farmsteads now occupied by Erik, Jr. and by Carl Sundsted.

In the earlier Dagmar years his first grove of trees was one of the finest in the area and was the site of large Fourth of July celebrations when people would assemble in the trees for picnic lunches, speeches and lusty singing. Then would follow baseball games, horseshoe playing and all forms of races with case prizes for the winners.



I. GROUP PICTURE - DAGMAR - SUNDSTED FAMILY - 1930



Back row:

1.ERIK: (b. 27 March 1880 - d. 20 April 1971 Plentywood, Sheridan, MT) Emigrated 1902 / Naturalisation 18 June 1912. Not married

2.CHRISTEN "CHRIS": (b. 10 Sept. 1875 - d. 5 Sept. 1951, Racine. WI.) Emigrated 1901.

3.THOMAS: (b. 25 Sept. 1889 - d. 16 Oct. 1964, Plentywood, Sheridan, MT.) Emigrated 1906. Naturalisation 26 June 1914.

4.ANTON: (b. 20 March 1882 / d. 11 March 1964, Dagmar, Sheridan, MT.) Emigrated 1902. Naturalisation 18 June 1912.

5.MIKKEL POULSEN: (b. 3 June 1886, Nøderup, Tim, Hind, Rinkobing - d. 15 August 1963, Plentywood, Sheridan, Montana) Emigrated 2 Oct. 1906.

Front Row:

1.ANNA: (b. 24 Sept. 1877 - d. 22 Dec. 1949) Emigrated 1906. (return to Denmark) Not married.

2.MARTINE: (b. 1887 - d. 1960) Emigrated 1908.

3.ELLA: (b. 14 March 1896 Morgan, Minnesota - d. 20 July 1993)

4.HELGA: (b. 17.2.1897, Gentofte, Kbh. - d. 19.8.1984, Glasgow, Valley, Montana) Emigrated ?

5.ELSINE KATRINE KAAE: (b. 24 July 1887 - d. 25 Feb. 1976, Plentywood, Sheridan, MT.) Emigrated 1906. Naturalisation 29 Oct. 1912.

6.MARIE MAGDALENE POULSEN: (b. 2 April 1886 - d. 1971, Plentywood, Sheridan, MT.) Emigrated 1906 (1904?) til USA.

II. GROUP PICTURE - SUNDSTED FAMILY - DAGMAR - 1930

Back Row:

1. ANTON (Helga) SUNDSTED:

(1882 -1964)

2. THOMAS (Ella) SUNDSTED: (1889

-1964)

3. JENS "JIM" (Elsine Katrine)

KAAE: (1886 - 1978)

4. MIKKEL (Marie) POULSEN:

(1886 - 1963)

5. ERIK SUNDSTED: (1880 -1971)

6. "CHRIS" (Martine) SUNDSTED:

(1875 -1951)

Front Row:

1. HELGA SUNDSTED: 1897 -1984)

2. ELLA SUNDSTED: (1896 -1993)

3. MARIE MAGDALENE POULSEN:

(1886 - 1971)

4. ELSINE KATRINE KAAE: (1887 -

1976)

5. MARTINE SUNDSTED: (1887 -

1960)

6. ANNA SUNDSTED: (1877 -1949)





Group picture - Sundsted family -

Dagmar July 1939

Front Row, from left:

Martine Olsen Sundsted, Jens Sundsted, Karna Sundsted Town, Anna Sundsted Sorenson, Knud Kaae, Erling Kaae, Doris Sundsted Larsen, Elinor Poulsen Kaae, Erik Sundsted

Middle 2 & 3 Row from left:

Chris Sundsted, Marie Sundsted Poulsen, Mrs. Carl Schultz (Helga), Dorothy Sundsted Reilly, Mikkel Poulsen, Anne Poulsen Gleason, Ella Johnsen Sundsted, Knud Poulsen, Thomas Sundsted, Carl Sundsted, Anton Sundsted, Johanne Sundsted Rasmussen, Erik Sundsted (Helga & Anton's son), Arne Rasmussen, Helga Schultz Sundsted

Back Row from left:

Katrine Sundsted Kaae, Jens (Jim) Peter Nielsen Kaae, Karen Thomsen Poulsen, Peter Poulsen.

REUNION DAGMAR 1948

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(1882 - 1964)

2. ERIK SUNDSTED

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(1875 - 1951)

7. THOMAS SUNDSTED

(1889 - 1964)





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Grandson of ELSINE KATHRINE SUNDSTED (1887-1976)

and JENS (Jim) PETER NIELSEN KAAE (1886-1978)

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Photo: Peri visiting Denmark and Vrensted Church