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Gratitude for Danish Predecessors  
in this Sesquicentennial Year  
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Last week my family and I spent two days on the plains of Wyoming, traveling in pioneer style by horse drawn wagon. This participation in the re-enactment of the original event caused me to seriously reflect upon the lives of my courageous progenitors of that era from Denmark.

The beginning of the epic movement of the persecuted Mormons 150 years ago and those converts from around the world that followed in their footsteps across the Great Plains of America to the Rocky Mountains, has long been heralded as one of the greatest migrations of all times. They were inspired, led and directed by an "American Moses," Brigham Young, and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. The most difficult time was from the beginning (1846-1847) to the completion of the Transcontinental Rail Road in 1869.

Into this frontier of unsettled America, Brigham and the Quorum led these faithful converts across un-chartered plains and mountains with myriads of daily obstacles such as rivers to cross, marauding indians to fight off, constant repairing of equipment, families to be kept alive with food, shelter and health needs.

Besides leading and directing this large body of faithful Saints the members of the Quorum of the Twelve were constantly fulfilling missions to other parts of the world to get the message of the gospel to all who would listen. History now records the story of the great numbers that did listen. These new members needed help and leadership in accomplishing the task of joining the main body of the Saints in the American West. Here again this unertaking was accomplished by the "Quorum of The Twelve," under the direction of Brigham Young.

In 1849, just two years after the initial pioneer company arrived in the valley of the Great Salt Lake, Brigham Young called members of "The Quorum" to fill missions to Scandinavia, France, Italy, Hawaii and other foreign countries in a new effort to take the gospel to people of a world of different tongues. Apostle Erastus Snow was called to head a group for Scandinavia.

My second Great Grand parents, Hans Petersen and Doris Lorentzen Petersen heard the gospel message from Apostle Erastus Snow and his companion and were babtized along with many others. A study made in the church in 1950 by John F. Oleson (then a member of the presiding bishopbric) and reported on page 471 of the June 1950 issue of the Church Publication "The Improvement Era" (now known as "The Ensign"), reports the rich harvest that followed these first missionaries and those that followed them. The study covers the period 1850-1950 and shows that nearly 45% of the membership of the church were in part, at least, of Scandinavian origin and that nearly 50% of the converts from the Scandinavian countries came from Denmark.



Hans and Doris were very wealthy people, which made the decision to come to America and the new frontier very difficult, especially for Hans. When they did, in true Danish style, they put their hearts into it. They gave great amounts of money away to friends and relatives before leaving and then paid the expense of immigration for 40 Saints in addition to their own family.

They came in 1863 by steam boat to Liverpool and then by sail boat to New York, then by rail to Omaha, Nebraska.

Hans, known in Denmark as a breeder of fine horses took the best of everything to the Rocky Mountains. He left his family in Florence, Nebraska for three weeks (formerly known as "Winter Quarters") and went down the Missouri River to purchase the finest stallions and mares to take west. When prepared to come west he and his family had three large wagons with two teams for each wagon. Part of what he hauled in his wagons was freight for the Church. Doris rode on a freight box most of the way west.

They became part of a pioneer company known as the John R. Young company of 1863 made up entirely of Danish people. John R. Young was a young 25 year old married man from what is now Southern Utah. He was a man of many experiences on the frontier with indians and other problems despite his young age. Hans and Doris always expressed appreciation for this great leader as they crossed the plains. In his record of this company in the church archives in Salt Lake City, John R. Young paid great respect to these hardy hard working Danish people who were healthy, strong, happy and learned easily the many daily tasks associated with a wagon train.

When they arrived in Salt Lake City they gave two of their wagons to the Church and kept one for their own use. They were assigned to Hyrum, Utah and there they made their home in the log cabin fort of Hyrum. Hans lived up to his name as a breeder and trainer of fine horses and contributed much to the development of Cache Valley. Doris was a great strength to the Pioneer Development of the west as she accepted a call from Brigham Young to become a "Midwife". She delivered 1200 babies in Cache Valley. They had a fine family and today their descendants number in the many hundreds.

I am very grateful for my Danish Progenitors.

Dr. Edwin S. Hurst  
Logan, Utah



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## DORIS LORENTZEN - MIDWIFE AND PIONEER MOTHER

All of us in the Petersen family have realized for many years that one of our progenitors was a very special person . She was Anne Margaretha Dorothea Lorentzen Petersen. (Known to her friends as Doris Lorentzen.) For some time it has been felt that a story of her life should be written for all of her descendents to read and enjoy. To this end we accepted the assignment given by Clark Petersen, our family representative, and proceeded to assemble all of the information available. The sources of information have been many and it is believed that the things printed herein are reasonably accurate. We chose to start the story one generation before Doris Lorentzen with the history of her mother, Margaretha Jacobsen, because it carries a great deal of significance and contributes materially to what happened to her and the kind of life she lived.

Margaretha Jacobsen was born 1 July, 1794 in Kallaby, Schleswig Holstein, which was Northern Germany, or Prussia . This part of Germany changed hands many times over the years. It was alternately under German and Danish rule. This changing of hands had a great deal to do with our family history and the moves that our progenitors made. We know very little about Margaretha Jacobsen but there are indications that more could be found with additional research. We know that she married very young, at the age of 15, to a man by the name of Johann Adolf Bruhn on the 21 June 1809 In Berghusen. (Johann Adolf Bruhn was born 1 October 1778 at Cruenthal Schleswig, Holstein, Prussia.) (The ordinance work has been completed and Margaretha Jacobsen is sealed to Johann Adolf Bruhn, along with four children. This is the line that we are obligated to work on.) It seemed to be a marriage that was arranged by the family. They had one child born to them, a son, and he died the day he was born. Her husband died shortly after this at the age of 32 years in 1810 at Brunsholm and left her a very wealthy young widow. The estate included a brick yard, a distillery and some other property. We do not have any record of her again until the year 1819 when an illegitimate son was born to her by a man by the name of Broder Broderson. This boy was named Johann Ehrlich Thomas Broderson. (This son has been sealed to his mother and her first husband. Also this son was married and the temple work has been done for him and his family.) The next information we have on record of Margaretha Jacobsen was that she became a housekeeper in the castle of King Frederick VI of Denmark, near Kiel Schleswig Holstein. She married Lorentz Lorentzen 31 August 1826 at Westensee, Schleswig, Holstein,, Prussia. He was the coachman of King Frederick VI. To this couple was born a son. Johannes Christian Lorentzen on 16 February 1827. Margaretha Jacobsen Lorentzen's next child was Doris Lorentzen. She was born 28 October 1829. It is common knowledge in the family that Doris is not the daughter of Lorentz Lorentzen. She is the daughter of King Frederick VI of Denmark. History tells us that the monarchs of Europe for many centuries had mistresses and it has been the duty of the King, at least his desire, to have an heir to the throne. (In Denmark the heir must be a male.) King Frederick VI desired a son but he never did have one. Margaretha Jacobsen Lorentzen spent a lot of time with King Frederick VI. She was accepted in the court and there have been many stories told by Doris of her mother walking through the hallways of the castle holding the arm of the King. They attended many state functions of all types together. She was accepted as a member of the court of Denmark. In 1836, when Doris was seven years old, another land dispute took place and the King moved to Copenhagen. Doris and her mother made the move with the King. That same year Lorentz Lorentzen died in Valby, Denmark.

Doris was taught with the other children of the court. She was accepted as a princess and had all of the special training and privileges that the other children had. She was taught five languages and throughout her entire life gave evidence constantly of this extensive education. She traveled everywhere with the King and her mother and the many servants. On one of her trips with her mother and servants the boat was loaded so heavy they could not go abroad. The ship left without them and a very severe storm came up and the boat was lost at sea. She always felt upset because she lost many beautiful clothes, toys and a doll buggy but at the same time she felt that the Lord had preserved them. She often told of her personal life with the King. She would tell how he would take her in his arms and call her "his darling girl." When she would come to see him in his



chambers he would always take her on his lap no matter what kind of meeting he was in or what the situation was. The servants bowed to her and treated her as a princess.

Some time in her teens Doris left the court. It has never been determined why The subjects of the court missed her and many inquiries were made as to her whereabouts. We do know that King Frederick VI was very sad upon her leaving and that he cried in saying good-bye to her. Even in her old age, Doris had vivid memories of their parting because they were very fond of each other. In later life she had a picture of Frederick VI on her wall and always made it a point to tell everyone what a wonderful man he was.

(A brief sketch of King Frederick VI of Denmark.) King Frederick VI was the son of King Christian VII (this was his only son). His mother was Karoline Matilde. He was born 28 January 1767. He rose to the throne after his father's death but didn't take over the throne right at the time of his death because Denmark was in its seventh year of war. Frederick's wife was Marie Sofie Frederikke, daughter of a land count, Karl of Heafen. He met his wife when he was in the army fighting against Sweden in the year 1788. They were married in 1790. They were crowned King and Queen of Denmark in the year 1815. He took over the government during very troublesome times. His Navy was gone and they were at war with England and Sweden. The Swedes went against Norway and English ships were threatening the coasts and Islands of Denmark. Denmark became an ally with Napoleon. Napoleon sent an army of Spaniards to fight against the Swedes. They went against their will and didn't know just why they were fighting against the Swedes. They boarded English ships and left and wouldn't fight. Napoleon tried to send a French army to fight but this didn't work either. Norway and Sweden were having trouble over their boundary lines. There was much trouble on every side. On January 14, 1814 at the Port of Kiel, peace was declared but Denmark had to give Norway to Sweden - this was a difficult thing to accept because Norway had been part of Denmark for over 400 years. At this point the Danes were very poor - their trade was gone because their ships were gone. Everything was in a poor state - it was much like a depression. After this period things began to look better under the leadership of King Frederick VI. The immigration laws were lifted and about 2, 000 new people came into Denmark to live. The Jews were given their freedom and the country began to take on a great change. Schools and institutes were started and education took a big step forward. Farming began to be better, breeding of cattle and horses was started, new roads were built harbors were improved. New things of all sorts were introduced to the people of Denmark. Around this period of time a bad storm started at sea and there was a tremendous amount of damage done to their new harbors but they were able to repair them. Everyone loved King Frederick VI. He was known as a wonderful father of his country because he was interested in the individual and not so much his own gain. He was known to take many trips all over the country to find out what was happening to his people and see if he could do anything to help their situation. He improved and encouraged local government and this made people more independent. People of all classes were always welcome in the castle and he was always willing to listen to anyone's troubles and help them if he could. He was a good King all through his reign. The scientific age began with King Frederick VI. He died at the age of 72 on December 3, 1839 after a long and wonderful reign. He was laid to rest at Roskilde. Frederick VI, leaving no male heir was succeeded by his cousin under the title of Christian VIII. In all likelihood, had Doris Lorentzen been a male, King Frederick VI would have had an heir for his throne.



# **A Short History of Frederick VI**

**DOB: 1768**

**DOD: 1839**



Frederick VI, born in 1768 and died in 1839, was the son of Christian VII and Caroline Mathilde of Great Britain. Frederick VI wed Marie Hessen-Kassel in 1790, and they had two daughters.

Frederik's childhood was not known as a very happy one. In 1772, when he was four years of age, his mother, Caroline Mathilde, and her lover Struensee, were arrested and Frederik was left with his mentally ill father who could not properly care for him. The queen was forced into exile and her lover executed.

Frederik VI was sickly and small in stature, with no real interest in literature. Military matters were more to his liking, but they were irrelevant because of the country's reduced circumstances. Because of this, Frederik VI turned his eye to establishing a public school system. Along with setting up public schools he advanced Danish literature and language by speaking Danish, instead of German, at court thus breaking a centuries-old tradition. By encouraging the use of Danish instead of German, Frederik VI was a major part of the European National Romantic movement, which included the common language instead of the geography for the national criterion. The nation's self-esteem, which was at a low point during this time, was boosted by the promotion of the Danish language.

In 1784 the future Frederik VI while regent for his father, and with his aids attempted to keep Denmark neutral in the struggles which were overtaking Europe. In 1788 the State council signed the most important agricultural reform act in the country's history.

From then on, the peasants became free citizens and could travel wherever they wanted. Denmark was the first nation to condemn the slave trade and serfdom was abolished. Villages were split into separate farms enabling farmers to purchase land and come to live closer to their property and more distant from their neighbors. By 1815 60% of farmers owned their own land. Prior to 1733 less than 5% of the land was owned by peasants. The reform would most likely not have gone into effect if it were not for the support of King Frederik. The land ownership reforms were not popular with many of the nobles which resulted in King Frederik's temporary retreat to the duchies of Holstein and Schleswig to insure his safety. Neutrality had its downsides; England in its struggle against Napoleon felt they had to eliminate the powerful Danish fleet. When control over the sea was critical, Nelson destroyed a part of it in 1801 along with shelling Copenhagen and in 1807 destroyed a more acknowledging portion. This destructive act drove Denmark into the arms of Napoleon. By the peace treaty of 1814 and with the



King Frederick VI,  
Christoffer Wilhelm Eckersberg, 1830  
Reventlow-Museet, Nakskov,  
Denmark





defeat of Napoleon . Denmark had to grant Norway to Sweden , Heligoland to Britain, and faced the future with a heavy debt and a capital of ruins. Frederik was heard to say "I wish I had never experienced this sad day when I had to confess that Norway, my beloved Norway, was the sacrifice we had to make in order to not have to give up absolutely everything else." It had been 444 years under the Danish crown. Norway became the price of peace.

Frederik VI, who had succeeded his mad father in 1808, was a liberal and popular ruler. Towards the end of his reign he introduced four diet (counties), one for Jutland, one for the Islands, one each for Schleswig and Holstein; the last two also gained their own law courts. Unhappily, as the nineteenth century wore on, the sense of difference, the wide use of the German language and a long separatist tradition led to a movement for independence within the Duchies of Holstein and Schleswig. They were lost to Prussia (Germany) in 1864.

On January of 1840, a large crowd of people accompanied his funeral, whistling and shouting at his coffin when it was driven out of Copenhagen. But when it approached Roskilde, the casket was lifted off the wagon and carried by peasants for the last distance to Roskilde Cathedral.. Frederik VI King of Denmark and Norway died without a male heir and the throne was passed onto his cousin Christian VIII. Although later Kings would grant more and more power to the people and less for the monarchy, it was Frederik VI who started the reforms.

An account of Marcus Petersen's conversation with a tour guide in Copenhagen castle museum in King Frederick's room of memorabilia:

Question: What kind of a man was King Frederick?

Answer: He was a family man, having only one wife with two children, and one mistress with one child, custom being other kings had many mistresses. Question: What did he accomplish as king?

Answer: His foreign policy was not a success, seeing Denmark lost Norway under his rule. His greatest accomplishment was that all citizens were given the right to own their own property. It was mostly Noblemen who had the right of ownership before King Frederick's rule, as a result, King Frederick had to flee for his life and seek asylum in the Duchies for a time. He then returned to Copenhagen and ruled for the rest of his life as King of Denmark.

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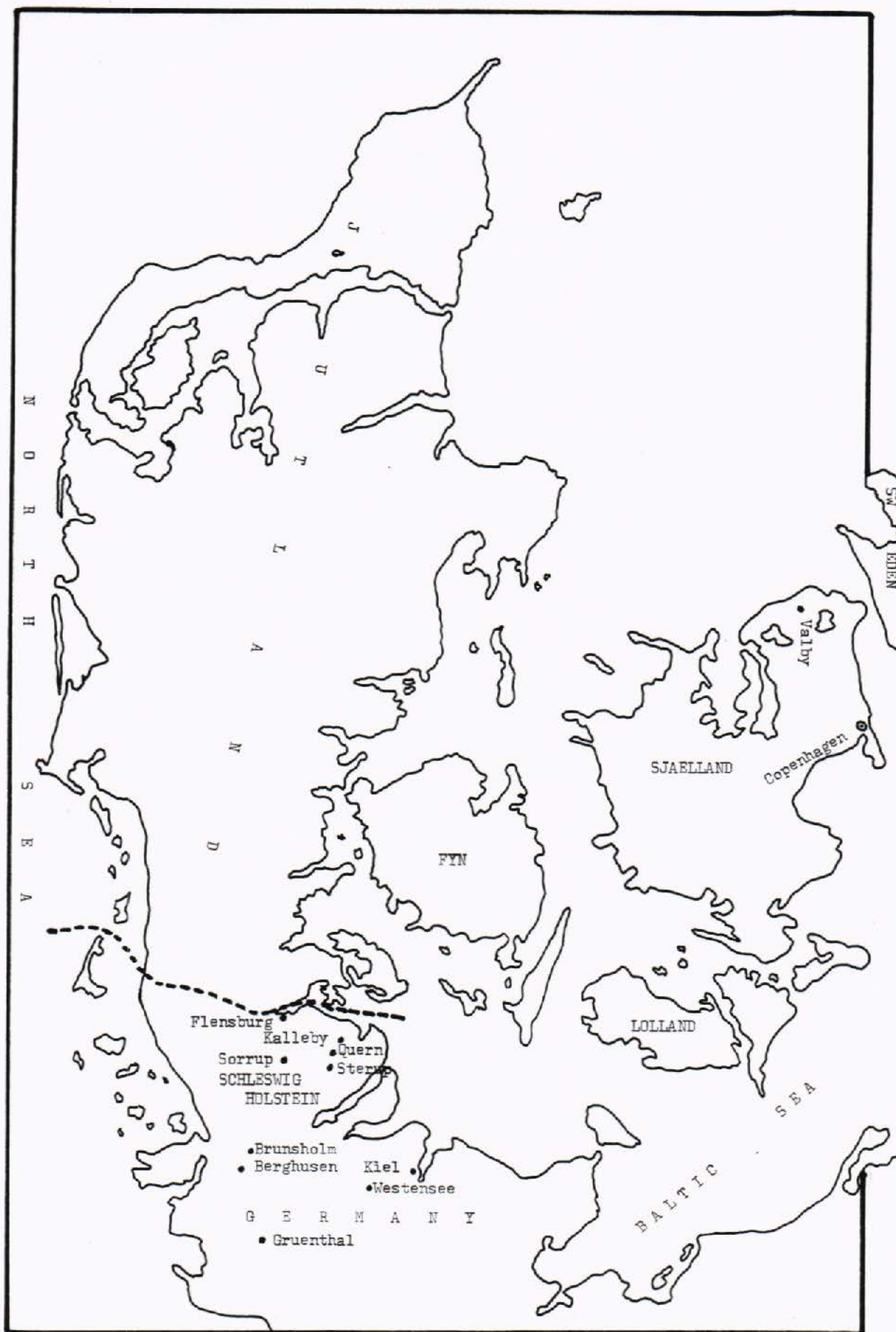
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King Frederick VI  
of Denmark  
1768-1839

Doris always had a picture on her bedroom wall of King Frederick VI. She also had pictures of the missionaries who brought the gospel to her in Denmark.





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The next record we have of Doris is her marriage in March of 1851 to Hans Petersen - Doris was 22 and Hans was 26. Hans Petersen was a very wealthy farmer in Valby, Frederiksborg, Denmark. When they were married they made their home on the farm and were considered a "gentle couple." They had their own coachman, footman and servants. They had plenty of money and Hans was known as a "gentleman" that raised fine horses. He had many rich friends. It was a very good life. On the 16th of April 1852, a year after they were married, Josephine, their first child and only girl, was born in Valby, Frederiksborg, Denmark. Their second child, Ernest, was born the 30th of January 1854 in Valby, Frederiksborg,

Denmark. The baptism of Doris and Hans ties in with our Church history so close that it should be understood as is outlined in the following paragraphs.

At the October 1849 conference of the Church, Brigham Young moved toward the realization of the world vision of service. Up to that time all missionary endeavors had been confined, save in one instance--the Tahitian - to English speaking peoples. Now the world was to hear the glad message in many tongues. Erastus Snow was called to head a group for Scandinavia: John Taylor with his group was assigned to France: Lorenzo Snow to Italy and Switzerland: with George Q. Cannon to Hawaii: and others to countries to the Far East or West. These brethren moved to their respective fields without delay.

The story is told that Margaretha Jacobsen, mother of Doris, had a dream before the missionaries ever came to Denmark, that was repeated several times in identical fashion. In this dream two men came to her door and brought a message of great value. When two missionaries actually came to her door in the persons of Erastus Snow and his companion, her dream came to life and she was ready, willing and very thrilled to receive the Gospel Message. These men were most welcome in her home and so began the Influence of the Gospel on her and all of her descendants. We should be most grateful for this inspirational beginning.

Doris had read of the Mormon Church and how the Saints were gathering in the valleys of the mountains. She had read of the revelations received and she was immediately interested. She knew that this was something that she should investigate. This experience, coupled with her mother's dream, and subsequent visit to her mother by Erastus Snow, kindled the flame in her heart that was all aglow when Erastus Snow called on her. She accepted the Gospel without hesitation and asked for baptism. She was baptized on the 22 of September 1854. What a great blessing this was and what a tremendous effect this has had on all of her descendants. We have no record of the baptism of Doris' mother, Margaretha Jacobsen, even though she accepted the Gospel and encouraged Doris in it. Hans didn't join right away. He had many rich friends and he was worried about what they would think. On the day of his baptism he went down to the water to be baptized three times. He went down two times and turned away, on the third time he was baptized.

The Improvement Era for June 1960 has on its cover a map of Denmark and the other Scandinavian countries with a picture of Erastus Snow superimposed. This is a very fitting tribute to the missionary that brought the gospel to our wonderful grandmother, Doris Lorentzen, and her mother, Margretha Jacobsen and the many other ready and willing souls waiting to hear the story of the gospel. On page 471 of this is an article entitled "How Many Latter-day Saints are of Scandinavian Descent." It gives an account of how Apostle Erastus Snow, with Elders John E. Foresgren and George P. Dykes, landed in Copenhagen, Denmark to tell the people of the Scandinavian countries of the Gospel and its restoration. A rich harvest followed the labors of these first missionaries and the many that followed them. In a study made by John F. Oleson, under the direction of the Presiding Bishopric and the Council of the Twelve, it was found out that forty-five percent of the membership of the Church was



in part at least, of Scandinavian origin. (Study made just prior to 1950) This shows how the blood has spread throughout the Church. Nearly fifty-percent of the converts from the Scandinavian countries came from Denmark. (1850 and 1950) Dora Browning tells us that Grandmother Lorentzen had pictures of Erastus Snow and his companions on the wall of her bedroom. Dora very often visited and slept with her and on many occasions she would point to these men and say, "These wonderful men brought the gospel to me."

The birth of Hans' and Doris' third child, Lorentz Petersen, took place 15 February 1857 at Valby, Frederiksborg, Denmark. The next thing we have record of, confirming the fact that Hans and Doris were a wealthy couple, is that in 1857 they took 500 relchtalers, which was a considerable sum of money, to Doris' brother, Hans Christian Lorentzen. A year later in 1858 there is record of Hans Petersen and wife, Doris Lorentzen Petersen, from Valby, Denmark, having given 1000 relchtalers to the children of Johann Ehrlich Thomas Broderson, a half brother to Doris Lorentzen Petersen. These were outright gifts and have been found in the records by one of our researchers in Germany. They must have been quite wealthy to have given money in these amounts to relatives.

The following was told to Marcus Petersen by Evangeline (Vannie) Petersen Jensen, Algernon Petersen and Clark Petersen.

After Grandma joined the LDS church in Denmark she helped with the support of the missionaries. Because of her service and generosity to the missionaries, who were without purse or script in those days, she was given a priesthood blessing that her posterity (her children and her children's children to the 4th generation) would not want for the riches of the earth if they would walk in the paths of truth and righteousness keeping the commandments. It is not known if this blessing was written or otherwise documented. If anyone has knowledge of any source of documentation of this blessing please forward it to:

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From the very beginning, Doris had wanted to immigrate to Utah and join the Saints but Hans' conversion wasn't complete and he did not have the desire as Doris did. One of the early missionaries tried to encourage her to leave her family and come to Zion, but of course she had no desire to split her family up. She prayed and fasted over a period of ten years and finally her efforts paid off. In 1863 they made the decision to come to the United States. It is no secret that Hans had an inner desire to go to the Gold Rush in California and this was part of his reason for coming.

On April 15, 1863, they left for Zion. Before they left there was record of their having paid 1000 dollars tithing and 500 dollars on the Church debt that existed. They financed the immigration of 40 people from Denmark to Utah. The cost must have been extremely high. It was very difficult for Doris to say good-bye to her mother, never to see her again, because they had been so close. Her mother felt that she was too old to travel the great distance. She accepted the Gospel and felt it was the right thing but did not feel that she should come to Utah. We know very little



about Doris' mother, Margaretha Jacobsen from 1863 to 1879. She died March 26, 1879. It is felt that additional research may uncover more of the details of her life. Hans, Doris and children took a steam boat from Copenhagen Denmark to Liverpool, England and then a sail boat, "The John J. Boyd" to New York. The following three references were found In the Cache Genealogy Library:

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#### Shipping List

"John J. Boyd" 1400 tons

Sailed from Liverpool April 30, 1863

The following family was listed:

Petersen, Hans., Age 38

Petersen, Doris, Age 33

Petersen, Josephine, Age 11

Petersen, Ernst, Age 9

Petersen, Lorentz , Age 7

Call No. 6184

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Utah 26

Rt. 2

Immigration List from Liverpool Office of British Mission on "John J. Boyd" April 30, 1863

Address--Jesse H. Smith, Copenhagen To Florence, Nebraska

The following family was listed:

Hans Peterson, Age 38, Farmer

Doris Petersen, Age 33, Wife

Josephine Petersen, age 11

Ernest Petersen, age 9

Lorentz, age 7

"Heart Throbs"

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Indicates sailing of "John J. Boyd" from Liverpool with Wm. W. Cluff as

Captain of the Saints. There were 763 souls in group. They landed in New York.



They left Liverpool on April 30, 1863 and arrived in New York in May 31, 1863 and there have been many things told of how thrilled Doris was to see the United States and see the first Post Office and the other things that she had been dreaming of. The Civil War was on at that time so they had much difficulty in making arrangements for travel. They traveled to Omaha, Nebraska and then to Florence, Nebraska where they spent three weeks getting ready to cross the plains. As has been mentioned. Hans was an authority on fine horses so during these three weeks he traveled down to Missouri, and bought some of the finest stallions and mares that he could find. The Intermountain area has benefited over the years from the fine stock that he brought to Utah. He purchased three well built wagons and had two teams on each wagon. Hans transported some special freight for Brigham Young across the plains in these wagons. Doris had to ride on this freight all the way to Utah.

Hans, Doris and children and the other Danish immigrants were organized into an Independent Danish Company of 44 wagons. They left on July 1, 1863. They traveled 25 to 30 miles per day and went by way of Little Pueblo, Platte River, Cheyenne, Fort Laramie and Fort Bridger. This Independent Danish Company was apparently organized because of the large number of Danish Saints. They were fortunate to have designated as their Captain, John R. Young. He was the E. son of Lorenzo Dow Young, a brother of Brigham. It is an inspiration to read the life of this man as printed in "Memories of John R. Young, Utah Pioneer." When he was designated captain of this Independent Danish Company, he was only 25 years old but had a world of experience behind him. He had been called on a mission at the age of 16 to serve in the Pacific Islands for 5 years in 1853. He had been through many trying experiences with his family in Utah. At the time of his call by the Bishop of his ward in Santa Clara, Utah to return to the States and aid the poor and needy get to Utah,, his own family was not in the best of circumstances. He had two wives, one of which he left in a tent with her children. She never complained even upon his return many months later. He had never lived in one location any longer than two or three years in his entire life. He had been through many experiences with Indians. Persecution of the Saints In the East, battles of all kinds, all types of work, etc. In the 1850's and 1860's men were called in this fashion every spring to help the Saints in the East. They would usually be gone for six months.

The Independent Danish Company was listed as the John R. Young Company of 1863 and was just one of many that made the trek to Utah during that year. In his book, John R. Young mentions that except for the death of two women and one man, brought about by Indians stampeding their cattle and oxen, they prospered greatly. He became very much attached to the Danish people. They were healthy., strong, united , faithful people. He had to work through an interpreter but it wasn't long after starting out for the West that they learned their parts in the routine of a wagon train and were very easy to lead. The most serious problem experienced by the company was the harassing tactics of the Indians in causing the cattle to stampede. They all had many narrow escapes as John R. Young and other helpers managed to outwit the Indians. On one occasion Brother Young pursued Indians that had made off with horses and cattle. He waited until they made camp for the night then crept into their camp and turned loose all of the stock and drove them back to the Saints safely. It took him 24 hours and he traveled 75 miles in all.

Doris told stories to her grandchildren many times of the stampedes mentioned above and the terror that these animals spread among the Saints on the plains. She was always grateful for the fine horses and good wagons that Hans had been able to purchase because it added much to their security. On one occasion she was washing and had her sleeves rolled up to her elbows. The company commander, Brother Young, came by and told her to get her sleeves rolled down because it was against the rules for a lady to show her elbows. She wasn't afraid of hard work and always did her share. Near Fort Bridger the company met Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball who presented them with potatoes , onions and other fresh vegetables. They were thrilled to receive these things and especially to shake the hands of these Church leaders and visit with them. This was the first time in their lives that they had to ever go without anything, especially the staples of life.



When they arrived in Salt Lake on the 15th of September 1863, Hans gave two of his wagons to the Church and kept the other one for his own use. They camped at Emigration Square for three days and it was here that Doris saw the foundation of the Temple and Brigham Young's home, two of the things that particularly impressed her. She mentioned on many occasions how thrilled she was to have her prayers and dreams -come true and finally be in Salt Lake City. She mentioned that one morning at 1 o'clock, while camped on Emigration Square, she heard the most beautiful music. Doris had been used to beautiful music in the court of the King and had been accustomed to it all of her life, but this was something different that moved her from within. The tune she heard this morning was, " Oh, Ye Mountains High." She had never heard more beautiful music in all of her life and she was thrilled with the strains of this song and it seemed to ease the strain of the trying circumstances surrounding the crossing of the plains. At the end of the three days they were assigned to go to Hyrum so they bid farewell to all of their friends in the company and traveled North to Brigham City. They stopped and visited with Apostle Lorenzo Snow and then left for Hyrum where they arrived on the 20th day of September 1863. They were welcomed by Hans Nielsen and George Nielsen. Hyrum had been settled in 1860, just three years prior to this time, so the settlement was very meager when they arrived.

Ira Allen and a group of other settlers, in the Spring of 1860, had assembled and traveled to Cache Valley, stopping at Fort Wellsville. They had then looked Cache Valley over completely for a place to settle. The requirements were a place with good water and good soil. These settlers found a building and planting place near a spring five miles east of old Fort Wellsville under a little hill at the foot of the mighty Wasatch Mountains. Here they camped and from this stopping place it received its name, Camp Hollow. On April 8, 1860, the Allen Company pulled out of Wellsville for the new location and immediately the new camp became a hum of industry. The wagons were drawn up along the creek and sheep, oxen and goats were turned out in the grassy meadows below to graze. Dugouts were constructed in the side hill. Cooking was done on open fires and so life began for this new settlement. Within a month it was found that water could be had by digging wells from 10 to 20 feet deep at a point one mile south and a little west of Camp Hollow. Preparations were then made to move to this new site. Some men were sent to the canyon for logs while other men ploughed and prepared 100 acres of land just west of Camp Hollow for spring planting. Potatoes, corn, wheat, oats and barley were sowed and the big field fenced with pine poles. The last of April, after living at Camp Hollow about a month, the settlers began to move to the new location. The houses were built facing on each side of a long wide street that began half way down on the street north of the square and extended east to the foot of the hill. The end of each house was connected with a stockade fence. When the huge gates at each end of the street were closed it formed a very effective fort. Here the settlers were safe from an ordinary Indian uprising. The houses were cabins about 16 feet wide and 20 feet long made of heavy logs from the trees cut down in the canyon to the east and hauled from ten to fifteen miles to the fort. The logs were notched together. The earth served as a hard flat floor. Sometimes the floors were made with thick split logs. The houses each had only one door which was made of heavy planks hung on iron hinges. There were very few glass window panes. Greased paper served to let in light. The danger from Indians was so great that there were no windows on the outside of the houses. The furniture was mostly home made. The tables that they ate their food on was a smooth board set on four posts. Chairs and three legged stools were made to match. Beds were constructed of rough boards and ticks stuffed with grass. Rough woven blankets and an occasional buffalo robe was the bedding. Cooking utensils were heavy pots that could be used over the fire place.

A bowery was built on the north side of the street about half way between the two ends of the fort and here they held religious services on Sunday. This place was a general meeting house for civic gatherings as well as for religious meetings. It was the first dance hall and became the first theater. It proved they had selected a fine place for their village. The log houses had been built on sloping ground at a point where a big ditch followed the contour of the hill and meandered down through the center of the fort.





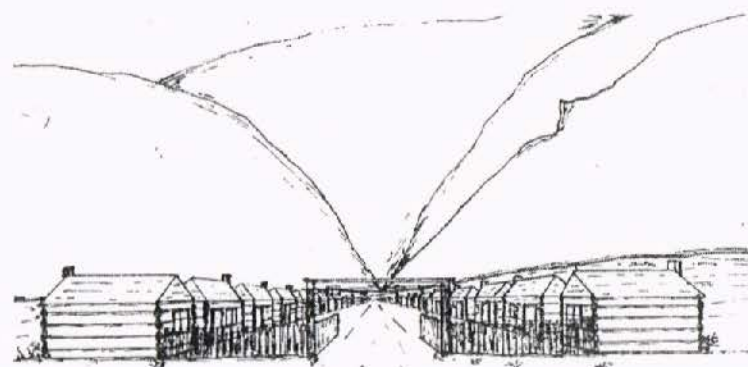
Ernest Petersen, Josephine Petersen  
and Lorentz Petersen - About the time  
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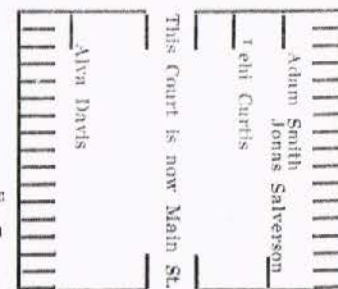


THE FORT AT HYRUM IN 1860



Home of Hans and Doris Petersen in Valby Denmark  
(Persons on picture not identified)

Andrew Anderson  
Peter Jensen  
Christopher Olsen  
Rasmus Jensen  
Jens Jensen  
James Benson  
Alva Benson Jr.  
Alva Benson Sr.  
Wilber Earl  
Nells Nielsen  
Alamson David Allen  
David Craft  
Blacksmith Anderson  
John Wilson  
Worgen Jensen  
Christ Christoffersen



David Parkes  
John Cousins  
David Osborn  
David Benson  
Alonso Bingham  
Calvin Bingham  
Log Meetinghouse  
Ola N. Liljenquist  
Hans Monson  
Andrew Allen Jr.  
Noah Brimhall  
Ira Allen  
Hans Johnson  
George Nielsen  
Niels Christensen  
Canute Halverson



Following the early spring rains that had blanketed the valley with green and filled the hearts of the new settlers with hope, a dry south wind blew the moisture out of the ground. The crops in the big field needed water. With an old spirit level a grade was run from the river nine miles south of the fort to the field. An old wooden beam plough that had been hauled across the plains from Missouri broke the sod and a go-devel built from two heavy split logs and pulled by eight oxen, pushed out the loose dirt. With a few old spades and eight shovels, all there were in the fort, every available man raced to get water to the wilting plants. In 21 days the canal, eight feet wide at the top, five feet wide at the bottom, and four feet deep was finished and the water brought down. In spite of the struggle to save the crops with the water, it came too late for this year. Irrigation was new to them but they conquered the problem and water still flows along this "big ditch" to the fields below.

In the early summer of 1860 President Brigham Young and his party, as was his custom, visited this new community. The purpose was to inspect its location and establish an ecclesiastical government. The meeting was held in the bowery and at this meeting Calvin Bingham was ordained Bishop. The name Hyrum, after the first patriarch of the Church and brother of the Prophet, was suggested for this new colony by David Osborn.

By the fall of 1860 the population of the fort was 110. It was apparent that they should spread out so an engineer from Salt Lake City was employed to lay out a temporary town in the form of a square divided in to five acre blocks. Four building lots to each block. Indians became troublesome so the settlers were forced to hold to the fort. Every day roving bands could be seen moving along the foothills. White ribbons of smoke could be seen curling from their tepees on the river bank. Half dressed red men would appear at the fort and pass down the narrow street, pause at a door, and demand flour and then disappear from sight. Many chiefs would call at the fort to collect for the encroachment of the settlers on their hunting and fishing grounds. The Indian demands, coupled with poor crops from lack of water, along with bear and wolf troubles, made the first winter very difficult. Throughout 1861 and 1862 and 1863 a steady progress was made and our grandmother and grandfather, Doris and Hans, found Hyrum in just about the described condition when they arrived in September of 1863. Brigham Young had called Bishop Bingham to go to Bear Lake and Ola N. Liljenquist was appointed Bishop to take his place in the early part of 1863. They had some recurrent Indian problems in the early part of 1863, so they were still confined to the fort. The Hyrum, as we know it today, was planned and laid out by James H. Mortneau in the spring of 1864. It was surveyed in a rectangle plan, the streets were ruled off at right angles to one another and the blocks were square and contained 10 acres. The streets were 6 rods wide. A public square was arranged for in the center of town. The heads of families selected their building lots by a number drawing conducted by a committee appointed by the Bishop. The only cost was \$ 1. 00 to pay for the survey. The head of each family was allowed 20 acres of land. He could farm it the way he wished, but he must farm it.

The first year after Hans and Doris arrived in Hyrum, the crops were good. The grass flourished, the fields of wheat and barley and corn were beautiful. But out of the canyon, as if blown from a mighty horn, millions of grasshoppers swarmed over the green luscious crops, devouring everything in their path. Men, women and children strove to beat them back but nothing could stop them. When it was all over, more than half of the crops were lost. Food became hard to find and the Indians again began causing trouble. This was indeed a hard year. Again bear and wolves caused serious troubles.

In 1864 Hans, Doris and Hans' fourth child, was born. He died at the age of six years in 1870. The next record we have of the family is of the birth of Ezra on the 28th of May 1866. He was their fifth and last child. The year 1867 was a very eventful one. It was a year of hard times again for this little settlement. The grasshoppers came again. It was dry and hot and people were put on rations for the coming winter. Roots were dug and boiled and many men left to work on the railroad that was linking the east and the west. At this time they were in the mountains east of Ogden



and west of Great Salt Lake. The work the men found in these camps helped the community of Hyrum over this starving time.

These were the conditions under which Hans and Doris began their new life in Zion. Compared to what they had left in Denmark it wasn't much. Doris was very contented and thrilled to be with the Saints and her testimony carried her through all of these and the many hardships that were yet to come without ever any lost faith. She had found what she wanted. Hans was not sure. It is told that he would sit on his chair and tap his cane and say, "This is Zion, this is Zion." He was not satisfied. He missed the luxuries his money had provided for him in Denmark. He truly had suffered many tests. First of all he had experienced extreme difficulty in accepting baptism. His next test was while crossing the ocean - he became violently sick and while vomiting, he lost his teeth over the side of the ship. Next, he wanted to go to the gold rush in California, and Doris talked him out of that. As has been mentioned, in 1864, the summer after they arrived in the valley, the grasshoppers came and ate everything in sight. Grasshoppers and starvation came again in 1867. He had spent about all of his money helping other people, 40 to immigrate from Denmark, and his many purchases for stock and wagons. They were at this point really quite poor and this was not a condition that Hans liked. Especially at this point Doris must have been one of his tests. They were entirely different people. In spite of her rich background, she was a very generous, kind, loving sort of person that didn't care about money and would do all in her power to help someone else and still feel good about it. Money didn't mean the same to her as it did to Hans. Hans was the aggressive type but was interested in maintaining an estate and building it up. He didn't understand his spendthrift wife. It isn't hard to understand why Hans and Doris were divorced in 1867, however, in spite of their separation and in spite of the happenings of the next few years, Hans seemed to maintain a great deal of respect for Doris. On several occasions he put his arms around his grandchildren and said, "Be good to your grandmother, she is the best woman in the world."

Hans wanted to regain his stature so he began acquiring land and building up his estate. As has been mentioned before, there were rules as to how much land a man could rightfully hold. It was in an argument over land and tithing that Hans and Bishop Liljenquist got into difficulty. Bishop Liljenquist threatened excommunication. Being as dogmatic as he was, Hans challenged the threat and the Bishop let it be known that he was going to excommunicate him and from that time on Hans felt that he had been excommunicated from the Church. There are many stories in the family pertaining to the differences between Hans and Bishop Liljenquist. Whatever they were it is truly a tragedy that they were not resolved. Apparently it amounted to nothing more than threats because we have checked the Church records completely and find no record of Hans Petersen's excommunication. But the tragedy is that great damage resulted from the threats.

Soon after the divorce, Hans returned to Denmark and brought Sophia Petersen back as his wife. As far as we know, she was a relative of Hans. He established his home with his new wife in the block east of the home where Doris and her children lived. This family was never active in the Mormon Church - they were active in the Presbyterian Church of Hyrum. They grew up as friends and associates with all of the other families and many of Hans' grandchildren by his first marriage spent much time with him around his home and in other activities. He was never a stranger to most of his grandchildren. Hans was a brilliant man. He was a severe task master with his children yet they seemed to have respect for him. He was an Industrious man, a hard worker and a good manager. He understood horses exceptionally well. He knew how to groom them and keep them in excellent condition. He owned the finest horses and the finest buggies in Cache Valley. He was known to people by two nick names. Some of his grandchildren still use these names in speaking of him. They were "Stud Horse Petersen" and "Rich Petersen." Sophia was loved by all and Doris' children and grandchildren were in and out of her house a great deal. Hans and Sophia had five children as listed on the family group sheet. They were Sophus, Olga, Thera, Ludwig and Margaret. This family resided at the residence as indicated, in Hyrum until the death of Hans on the 6th of February 1911, at which time they moved to California. The only descendents of this family known to us at this time are the



three children of Olga (she married a man by the name of Hansen) who are Carl, Louise and another son, Carl Hansen's address is 5th South, Adelhart Street, Stockton, California and Margaret Petersen Hill. Her address is 524 W. Street Santa Barbara, California. It is felt by those of us that have done the research on this story that Hans was not fully understood. We think that there were two sides to the divorce and that perhaps the family has just heard Doris' side over the years . Doris Crookston tells us that she was present when he died and he said, "Doris, I am just as much a Mormon as I ever was and the Bishop had no right to cut me off from the Church. I don't want to be buried in any other church except the Mormon Church." It is felt that through all of these years he wanted to be a member of the Church but because of the conflicts and differences with people, there was a constant separation and inactivity. His second wife, Sophia, seemed to have the same feeling. Someone approached her during the latter years of her life in California and asked her if she was a Mormon and she said, "I don't know if I am or not." As far as the records of the Church, she was not excommunicated either.

At the time of the divorce Doris was 38, Ezra was one, Hans was three, Lorentz was ten,, Ernest was 13 and Josephine 15. We know that Doris was poor, with but a small piece of property. She mentioned many times in later years that she didn't even have shoes. The young boys had to go out to work to make a living while Josephine corded wool and spun it into material. In spite of all of these hardships she constantly gave donations to the meeting house they were building and made quilts for benefits. In 1867 Ernest and Lorentz, ages 13 and 10, went to Logan and got a wagon on credit. They then went up Logan Canyon and got out logs for ties and took them to Logan where they sold them to pay for the wagon. They then got out more logs to build their house. The neighbors built the house for grandmother Lorentzen. We must give a lot of credit to these two young boys for the way they headed this family.



Doris Lorentzen Petersen



Hans Petersen



Sophia Petersen and Hans Petersen



Josephine Petersen Larsen



Ernest Petersen



Lorentz Petersen



Ezra Petersen



Front: Ludwig Petersen, Margaret Petersen  
and Thera Petersen

Back: Sophus Petersen and Olga Petersen



## Petersen Home

97 North 2nd East



About 1910

Person's in 1910 photo, L-R, LaPrele P. Rich, Sarah Ellen Allen Petersen, Sarah Ethyl P. Baxter, Russel Petersen, Vernon Petersen and Ezra Petersen.



Petersen Home Today.

### ERNEST PETERSEN

As told to his daughter Evangeline Petersen Jensen

Ernest Petersen, was born January 30, 1854, at Valby, Fredereksburg, Denmark.

"My father was a wealthy farmer in Valby, Fredereksburg, Denmark. I was born into this family of Hans and Doris Petersen, being their second child. We had our own coachman, footmen, and servants. My Father was known as a "gentleman" who raised fine horses. We had many rich friends. It was a good life, for our family.

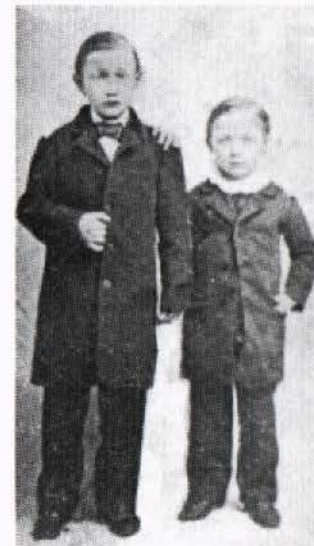
In 1849 Erastus Snow, the Mormon Missionary, carried the gospel to the Scandinavian countries. My Grandmother, Margaritha Jacobsen Lorentzen, had a dream before the missionaries ever came to Denmark, which she repeated to her family. In this dream, two men came to her door and brought a message of great value. When Erastus Snow and his companion came to her home, with the gospel, she accepted it. Her daughter Doris, my mother, being a Luthern, and knowing of her Mother's dream, and reading about the Mormons, she knew this was something to be investigated. She was ready to accept these truths, and was baptized the 22nd of September 1854. From the very beginning, Doris had wanted to immigrate to Utah, to join the Saints but her husband's conversion wasn't complete and he didn't have a desire to leave Denmark. After ten years in 1863, they made a decision to come to the United States. Hans had an inner desire to go to the Gold Rush in California. This was part of his reason for coming.



I remember in crossing the ocean, loosing my cap in the water. It blew off my head while I was standing on deck. I watched it as it floated out of sight.

My parents paid for a number of people to come to Zion; they were friends of my parents. We arrived in New York on May 31, 1863, after being on the ship for four weeks. The Civil War was on at that time, so my father had much difficulty in making arrangements for the trip. We traveled to Omaha, Nebraska, and then to Florence, Nebraska, where we spent three weeks getting ready to cross the plains. My Father, having had much experience with fine horses in Denmark, traveled down to Missouri and bought one of the finest stallions and some mares, that he could find. He brought them to Utah. He purchased three well built wagons with two teams on each wagon. We hauled some special freight for Brigham Young across the plains. We enjoyed our travels, as we were well fitted out for the journey. I being the oldest boy, had many experiences with my Father in taking care of the horses and doing the chores around camp. The only serious trouble we had, was when the Indians would cause the cattle to stampede. Our Captain, John R. Young, outwitted the Indians, and with other men, brought back our stock. Near Fort Bridger, our company was met by Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball who gave us potatoes, onions, and other vegetables. As I had always been used to having all I could eat before leaving the old country, I hardly knew what it was to go without, but I would soon know.

After three days in Salt Lake we were assigned by President Young to go to Hyrum in Cache County. Hyrum had been settled just three years prior to this time. The next three years were very hard as they were grasshopper years. Men, women, and children strove to beat them back but nothing could stop them. Food became scarce; the Indians started to steal, and get mean. There were also bears and wolves aplenty, who were troublesome. I remember of not having all I could eat, and how the families were put on rations. Roots were dug and cooked for eating. I used to go and catch fish, and go from door to door trying to trade or sell them for something to eat. One day I went to a door and knocked. A woman answered. I said, "Do you want to buy some fish?" She looked at me and said, "Surely you are not the rich Petersen's boy!" I was so hurt in my feelings I said "I would never sell fish again." I remember of walking bare footed to Wellsville, a distance of four miles to get some matches. Being the oldest boy in our family, and as Father had become dissatisfied with trials that we were going through, he left my mother and family and went back to Denmark, much responsibility was left on my shoulders. With the help of my younger brother; Lorentz, ten, we went to Logan, Utah, a distance of eight miles from Hyrum, and got a wagon on credit. Went up Hyrum Canyon and got enough logs out to pay for the wagon. We also got out enough logs and with the help of the neighbors, built my Mother a home. This became the family home. Ezra was just one year old. Later Ezra and his wife Sarah Ellen Allen Petersen (she was a granddaughter of Ira Allen, founder of Hyrum) raised their family there.



About this time many of the men went to work for the Railroad., which was coming from the East and the West. I decided I would go to Promontory, and see if I could get a job. I was thirteen years of age at this time. I had to walk most of the way. I found a job washing dishes in the "Cook Shack", for the Chinese cook, I had to get up very early in the morning, long before daylight carrying water for the men and doing my job in the kitchen. The Chinese men were working on the Railroad. They all wore their hair in a "que", which was one long braid, hanging down their backs, also wooden shoes, and long black coats. Some of these Chinese were cruel and mean. They all carried long knives in their clothing as they were frightened; and for protection. The cook was a bad character also, the men were afraid of him. I had nothing to worry about as he took a liking to me, maybe because of my age. He was kind and good to me, so I tried to please him with my work. I always had enough to eat, as he saw to that. Perhaps it was the white men that helped to make him (the Chinese) like they were. If the Chinese were caught out after dark, the men



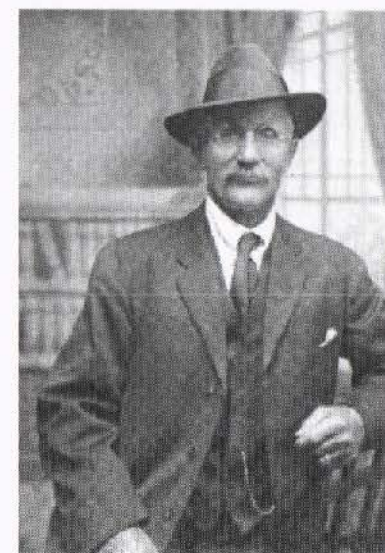
would catch him and cut off his queue for sport, and think it was a good joke. This indeed was a disgrace to him. Wearing this queue was an old Chinese tradition and many times rather than face the other Chinese without his queue, he would take his own life.

The Chinese cook always wore a long slim knife in his belt; and many of the men were afraid of him but I will always remember him as being good to a boy-who needed help. The money I received I sent home to Mother. I was at Promontory Point when the last rail was laid down and the last spike was driven.

I was called to go to St. George to help work on the Temple, as it was near completion. President Brigham Young called for men from Cache Valley to go to St. George. Oscar Liljenquist and myself walked from Hyrum to Salt Lake with our bedding on our backs. There we were to ride on wagons, pulled by oxen, but as we could walk as fast as the oxen who were pulling- heavy loads, we walked most of the way. We worked there between one and two years. We received very little money, but we got plenty of molasses.

Two experiences I can recall happened while logging up Blacksmith Fork Canyon. On one of my trips going up the canyon, when I got to what was called East Fork, I saw two horses tied to a tree some distance from the road. I thought that was funny as they still had their harnesses on and nobody was around. I stopped my team and tied them up and went over to investigate. As I neared the wagon I heard moans. I looked inside of the wagon and there lay my friend Gus Jacobsen, bleeding badly. He had cut his leg while cutting down logs and had tried to tie the cut to stop the bleeding but was unable to do so. I tied up the leg, the best I could, but he had already lost so much blood he was weak. He begged me to help him and to take him home. As I couldn't move him, I unhitched my horses and tied them up then hitched up his horses and started down the canyon. In those days the canyon was very dangerous, the roads being full of large rocks, so traveling up and down these roads in the canyon was dangerous and slow. As I had fifteen miles to go before I would reach the last toll gate; I knew there was a man at the gate and I would get help. Gus's leg bled all the way down the canyon, and when the wheels would strike a large rock, he suffered terribly. When I got to the Toll Gate, the man jumped on his horse and went to Hyrum for help. I kept going and it wasn't long before help arrived. We took Gus home but having lost so much blood and in his weakened condition he passed away the next day. He left a wife and five children. This indeed was a very sad experience.

On another trip down the canyon, with a load of logs, I had an accident. Taking after my Father, I always liked good horses, At this time I had hitched on the wagon my priceless horse "Monica". I started down the canyon. We always had to lock the wheels going down the steep grades. Halfway down the canyon, the single-tree on Monica's side came unhooked and this hit the horse on the hocks. He started to kick causing the other horse to become frightened; and down the road they run. I was unable to control them. I knew if I jumped I would be killed as the road at this place was very dangerous - only room for the wagon and down below the Blacksmith Fork River. The next few seconds I do not know what took place. Then I realized where I was, I was sitting on a rock beside the road. I cannot tell you how I got there. I didn't have a scratch on my body. I got up and started down the road. About a mile down and around a bend, I found my outfit. The load had shifted almost off, and Monica was down and couldn't move. I unhitched the other horse and tried to get my beloved horse up, but it was of no use. He couldn't move. He had broken his leg. I had to take my gun and kill him. My life had been spared. I



Em Petersen



was always grateful to our Heavenly Father for his many blessings that I received during my life. Ernest Petersen died on January 7, 1936, at Hyrum. He was the father of fourteen children. He did much in the settlement of Hyrum. In later years, he became the owner of the Hardware Ranch in Blacksmith Fork Canyon.

At his funeral his intimate friend, Alva B. Wilson says, "He spoke of their work together on the Railroad, and of Mr. Petersen's courage and dependability as a City Marshal; and of the call to help finish the St. George Temple. Charles A. Nielson, a neighbor for years said, "Mr. Petersen's life had been an inspiration to me, especially his courage and ability as a peace maker.

This history was written by his daughter, Evangeline Petersen Jensen it was told to her by her father. Recorded in "Our Pioneer Heritage 11-2."

About 1870, as near as we can determine, Doris took steps to make a living for her family. She went to Salt Lake and got a job washing dishes in a hotel. We have no record of the happenings between then and 1878 when she was back in Hyrum again. It has been told that one of the ladies that came across the plains with her tried to talk her into becoming a midwife. Doris didn't feel at this time that this was the thing for her to do. A short time later Brigham Young called her personally to Salt Lake City and asked her to be a midwife and he set her apart for this important calling. She spent ten months in schooling at the midwife's school in Salt Lake City and then came back to Hyrum at the age of 49 and began a long and eventful practice in her profession. (for 41 years.) Josephine was 26 and had been married six years. Ernest was 24, Lorentz was 21 and Ezra was 12.

Brigham Young had a high regard for motherhood and especially because they had to go down to the valley of the shadow of death to bring forth new citizens who were so badly needed to develop the land of Zion. He emphasized regularly the importance of proper care and protection of mothers. He personally called and set apart especially talented women in the Church to become midwives. The midwife system prevailed in Utah almost exclusively for many years. A physician was called in rare cases and in disaster, skillfully brought to the home by a sensible midwife, thereby averting tragedy. Some of the near tragedies were the result of secrecy enforced by the constant surveillance of the federal authorities in search of violations of the anti-polygamy law. There was too, the natural reluctance of women to be assisted in child birth by a man physician. It was, of course,, a manifestation of sincere modesty but did cause many complications and was one of the reasons for the midwife system being so popular and for the fact that the women of Utah were among the first to study and practice obstetrics and medicine in general. Many midwives became expert in their practice of general medicine through their wide experiences and near comparable training to physicians of their day. Notice what a physician did in order to practice his profession. Before 1880 the training of a physician consisted of first spending some time in the office of a practicing physician, reading his books and literature and second attending two winter courses of four months each in medical school, watching and observing demonstrations and techniques. Medical practice was sometimes started by a person first and then he would go to school later. Women performed the service of midwifery from the beginning of time until the last century. It has always been their natural instinct to help their own sex at critical times in life. Midwives have always received the finest training available. Mormon midwives, in addition to having fine training in a school in Salt Lake City, were armed with authority. The majority of them were called and set apart by the presiding authorities of the Church and most of the time by the President, as was our Grandmother. Thus, with this authority and the blessings of the Lord, as can be testified to by reading of the many records available of their lives, they went forth and performed a marvelous work. As we read in history about the many midwives of Utah during this early period, we are automatically impressed with the fact that here we had a very special group of Saints that received a very special call. Because of their great devotion and great faith they were able to accomplish tasks which no other people could have.



Grandmother Lorentzen's life is so typical of other mid-wives' lives on record that it is at times like reading of the same person. Their common devotion to the cause for which they were called and set apart by the Prophet of the Church and their full realization of their critical need by the Saints of their expert care and with their faith and ability to perform these services leaves unbelievable achievements in each of their lives. In all of the histories printed the sisters were loved, honored and respected by all. Doris lived to a very old age and enjoyed good health. She enjoyed many blessings and was a very happy person and very spiritual. Dr. D.C. Budge of Logan, one of the more prominent physicians who practiced in our Cache Valley area, knew Grandmother Lorentzen very well and when she died he asked to speak at her funeral. In a Daughters of Utah Pioneers book, Volume 6, on midwives and early medicine in Utah, there is a poem that was written by Dr. D.C. Budge. It doesn't seem that Dr. Budge knew other midwives as well as Grandmother Lorentzen so this poem takes on a special significance:

She calls no hour of the night or day her own  
Through heat and cold she goes her way alone.  
Here to bring some mortal into being,  
There to ease some soul that must be fleeing.  
She listens earnestly to tales of grief,  
Forgets herself that she may give relief  
To bodies suffering or tortured minds,  
In service to all men her pleasure finds.  
May God forever bless her with His grace,  
For now she's gone--oh, who will take her place?

Doris delivered about 1200 babies in the Cache Valley area. About the time she began her practice she inherited a large sum of money from Denmark. The amount and source are not known but she used the money in her practice to great advantage. (Of her patients.) in acting as a mid-wife, she would get a call from the head of the family asking for her services. She would go to the home and assist at birth and then return the nine following mornings giving all additional help and treatments necessary. For all of this she would accept three dollars and then she would usually give part of this back to the children and in many cases she would buy all of the medicine necessary. It is easy to see that she made no living at her profession. As a matter of fact, this is the way that she used most of the money that she inherited from Denmark. She worked at her profession until 1919 when she was 90 years old.

There are many interesting tributes that have been paid to Grandmother Lorentzen. One instance that shows her generosity should be related. One day a man came to her door and asked if he might do a little work for her to earn his dinner. Finding nothing else for him to do she took him to a table that she said was a little too long and asked him to make it a little shorter if he would. The man was apparently a poor carpenter but he did the job to the best of his ability. He merely took a saw and cut a section out of the middle of the table, put the ends together and nailed it up. For this she gave him a good meal and some money and sent him on his way. For many years the family had this table in the same condition the man left it in.

Her one great passion in life seems to have been her love and concern for her fellow men. She was always happy when she was serving people. Her family, friends and all of the people in the community made up the great love of her life. She had a sincere love for animals. She kept in constant contact with her grandchildren and always asked them if they were taking care of the cows and horses and wanted to know if they were



sure they had been fed and watered. She was also interested in the care of their dogs. She mentioned on many occasions that she couldn't sleep well until she was sure that all of the animals had been well fed. She was present at the organization of the Relief Society in the Church. She received her endowments with the first company to go through the Logan Temple. The city of Hyrum had a special service in honor of Grandmother Lorentzen\* This event has been recorded and Preston Nibley wrote of it in one of his articles in the Herald journal under the title of "Cache Memories." She was given gifts and paid high tribute on this occasion. In her later years she received a gift as the oldest living person in Hyrum.

Doris Lorentzen passed away at her home in Hyrum November 17, 1922, bringing to a close one of the most illustrious lives of our early pioneers. We should be most proud of her life and contributions.

#### A BLESSING OF PROMISE (October 28, 1919)

Given by Orson M. Wilson, Patriarch, on the head of Doris Lorentzen, daughter of Lorentz Lorentzen and Margaret Jacobsen Lorentzen, born at Kiel Germany, October 28, 1829.

Sister Doris Lorentzen, it is in the line of the holy Priesthood I bear, that I place my hands upon your head and confer upon you a Patriarchal Blessing, which you are entitled to as a Mother in Israel. Thy lineage in that great family who should bless the whole earth and its people, is through Ephraim, a great Prince amongst his fellows.

The hand of the Lord has been over you from your infancy to this moment of time. He has been remindful of you in all your shifts and scenes of life. He has overruled things connected with you in a way that was marvelous to your mind. His power has taken you by the hand, and led you in paths where he would have you go, because there was a work he had for you to do, a great future lay before you.

He sent the Gospel, and gave you faith to accept of it,, and increased your testimony and made your faith so strong and unbounding, that there was no room for doubt, but you knew that God lived and that the Gospel was true, and he has given you courage to bear record of these things, even in this day, and in your ripe age, and for these things, and your devoted life the Lord loves you, and Is well pleased with you, and because of this love he will feel after your children, and your children's children, that the reward and harvest growing out of your faithful life shall be far reaching, and you will be greatly rewarded, and honored and loved by your posterity as time goes on.

A great work will be accomplished by those who follow after you: mighty men and women will be raised up from your posterity that will be greatly honored among the people and will be sustained by a power greater than that of man.

Therefore, feel to rejoice and be reconciled, feel that you have done the best that you could, and while you labor, and your efforts have been in a small circle, realize and know that it is within the power of your Heavenly Father to make them far-reaching and of great worth to his latter day work.

So look into the future with pleasure; call your children around you; leave your testimony with them; let them; let them know that you know the



Lord and that you bear record to them of His goodness, and your words will find a resting place in the hearts of them, and will bear fruit in the due time of the Lord.

The Lord has a great work for them to do, and see to it that that which you have not been able to accomplish for the redemption and salvation of your ancestry is left to them. That your family tie in that great eternal life may be linked together and be perfect; that your joy with them might be full and that when the Gospel reached you in that far off land and you accepted it, that the Lord was in it, and his designs must not be thwarted or fail in order that your mission might be fully indicated and the purpose of the Lord brought about through your humble and obedient life.

And now, in conclusion, I feel to bless you and say unto you: be comforted, buoyant and strong, and full of faith and full of gratitude,, that the Lord has been so good to you, that you have been blessed in your body, in your mind, and in your declining days that your lot has been cast among your friends and among the Saints, and cared for by your own, and your days will be rounded out, full of good works, and your calling and election made sure with the crowned reward of the faithful awaiting you in that life that shall have no end, where our wrongs will be righted, and our salvation and exaltation be granted in full.

These blessings, privileges, and gifts, I pronounce and seal upon you with the forgiveness of your sins, through your faithfulness, and I seal you up against the powers of the destroyer until the day of redemption and this I do in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

## FAMILY OF HANS PETERSEN AND DORIS LORENTZEN PETERSEN



**HANS**



**DORIS**



Josephine P.  
(Lars K. Larsen)



Ernest P.  
(Anneliza Benson)



Lorentz P.  
(Kirstine Nielsen)



Ezra P.  
(Sarah Ellen Allen)

Margretha (Child)  
Joseph (Child)  
Mathilda (Green)  
Doris (Crookston)  
Lorenzo  
Annie (Hall)  
Alfred  
Ruben  
Veda (Redford)  
Jacob (Adopted)  
Twins (Infant)

1st Marriage  
Lillian  
Ernest Jr.  
Minnie (Allen)  
James A.  
Alley  
Grover W.  
William R.  
Grace (Jensen)

2nd Marriage  
(Millie Molen)  
Larue (Romney)  
Evangeline  
(Jensen)  
Connie (Shoore)  
Molen L.  
Douglas H. (Billy)  
Clyde B.

Lorenzo  
Dora (Browning)  
Wally  
Willard  
Agnes  
(Rasmussen)  
Eugene  
Eva (Gustaveson)  
Jessie  
Verlo

Ezra J. (Infant)  
Warren  
Sarah  
Ruby  
Pearl  
Russell  
La Prele  
Vernon  
Allan



ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:  
 NAMES: WATSON, John Henry  
 PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, VI  
 1. indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

FAMILY  
 GROUP  
 RECORD

**HUSBAND PETERSEN, Hans**

Born 6 Apr 1826 Place Valby, Frederiksborg, Denmark  
 Chr. Place  
 Marr. Mar 1851 Place  
 Died 6 Feb 1911 Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah  
 Bur. Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah

HUSBAND'S FATHER IARSEN, Peder

HUSBAND'S MOTHER HANSEN, Gunild

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES PETERSEN, Sophia

**WIFE LORENTZEN, Anne Margarethe Dorothea (DORIS)**

Born 28 Oct 1829 Place Kiel, Schleswig, Holstein, Prussia  
 Chr. Place  
 Died 17 Nov 1922 Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah  
 Bur. 19 Nov 1922 Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah

WIFE'S FATHER LORENTZEN, Lorentz

WIFE'S MOTHER JACOBSEN, Margarethe

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

SEX M F	CHILDREN		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED		
	SURNAME (CAPITALIZED)	GIVEN NAMES	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
F	PETERSEN, Josephine Margaret		16	Apr	1852	Valby, Frederiksborg		Den	11 May 1870	17	Apr	1942	
M	PETERSEN, Ernest		30	Jan	1854	Valby, Frederiksborg		Den	LARSEN, Lars K.	24	Oct	1876	7 Jan 1936
M	PETERSEN, Lorentz		15	Feb	1857	Valby, Frederiksborg		Den	BENSON, Anneliza	6	Apr	1942	1864 24 Oct 1876 22 Dec 1937
M	PETERSEN, Hans		1864			Hyrum	Cache	Utah	NIELSEN, Kirstine		Abt.	1870	1865 7 Jun 1876 22 Dec 1937
M	PETERSEN, Ezra		28	May	1866	Hyrum	Cache	Utah					Child Child 22 Dec 1937
									22 Dec 1887	15	May	1959	10 Jul 1875 22 Dec 1887 22 Dec 1937
									ALLEN, Sarah Ellen				

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

F.R.

## OTHER MARRIAGES

PETERSEN, Ernest  
 6 Jun 1895  
 MOLLEN, Millie

## NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

**HUSBAND** PETERSEN, Hans

Born 6 Apr 1826 Place Valby, Frederiksborg, Denmark

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Died 6 Feb 1911 Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah

Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S FATHER LARSEN, Peder

HUSBAND'S MOTHER HANSEN, Gunild

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES LORENTZEN, Anne Margarethe Dorothea

**Husband** PETERSEN, Hans

**Wife** PETERSEN, Sophia

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**WIFE** PETERSEN, Sophia

Born 25 Aug 1849 Place Copenhagen, Denmark

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Died 8 Nov 1934 Place Santa Barbara, California

Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S FATHER PETERSEN, Lars

WIFE'S MOTHER SORENSSEN, Anne Margarethe Jorgensen

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE

PETERSEN, Clark L.

RELATION OF F.R. TO HUSBAND \_\_\_\_\_ RELATION OF F.R. TO WIFE \_\_\_\_\_

G. G. Son

**TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA**

BAPTIZED (DATE)	ENDOWED (DATE)	SEALED (DATE & TEMPLE)
HUSBAND		WIFE TO HUSBAND
WIFE		SEALED (DATE & TEMPLE) CHILDREN TO PARENTS

SEX M F	CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
M	PETERSEN, Sophus	Jan	1875		Hyrum	Cache	Utah		10 July	1959	
F	PETERSEN, Olga	10 Nov	1877		Hyrum	Cache	Utah	HANSEN	16 Dec	1956	
F	PETERSEN, Thera	16 Mar	1879		Hyrum	Cache	Utah		11 Apr	1963	
M	PETERSEN, Ludwig	13 Jul	1881		Hyrum	Cache	Utah		15 Jul	1899	
F	PETERSEN, Margaret	30 May	1883		Hyrum	Cache	Utah	HILL,			
		The above dates are uncertain									

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

**OTHER MARRIAGES**

**NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS**

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:  
DATES: 14 Apr 1794

NAMES: WATSON, John Henry  
PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt.

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# FAMILY OF LARS K. LARSEN AND JOSEPHINE MARGARET PETERSEN LARSEN



**Margretha Larsen**



**JOSEPHINE**

**LARS**

**Joseph Larsen**



**Caroline Mathilda L. Green**

**Charles S. Green**

Marguerite  
Genevieve  
Charles Jr.



**Lorenzo Larsen**  
**Hildiborg Hendrickson Larsen**

Lillian  
Margerie  
Lorenzo



**Ruben Larsen**  
**Veda Rogers Larsen**

Jerry  
Mark Douglas  
Kenneth Howard



**Anna Larsen Hall**  
**Hyrum Hall**

Grant  
Edith Chloe  
Lydia  
Virginia  
Joyce  
Jack  
Melvin



**Veda Hortense Larsen**  
**Lawrence Brown Redford**



**Doris L. Crookston**  
**William C. Crookston**

William Jr.  
Josephine  
Frank  
Beverly  
Milton



**Alfred Larsen**  
**Freda Linder Larsen**

Merrill

**Jacob Larsen (adopted)**

Write name as Robert Thomas MEYERS or St Martins Birmingham Warwick Eng  
Write date as 4 Oct 1986  
To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the person submitting the sheet, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child

FAMILY  
GROUP  
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**HUSBAND** LARSEN, Lars Kervin

Born 5 Nov 1847 Place Lumner, Opland, Norw.

Chr. 11 May 1870 Place Logan, Cache, Utah

Died 24 Mar 1929 Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah

Bur. Hyrum, Cache, Utah

HUSBAND'S FATHER NIELSEN, Lars

HUSBAND'S  
OTHER WIVES

HUSBAND'S  
MOTHER CHRISTENSEN, Anne

**WIFE** PETERSEN, Josephine Margaret

Born 15 Apr 1852 Place Valby, Frdbg, Denn

Chr. 17 Apr 1942 Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah

Bur. Hyrum, Cache, Utah

WIFE'S FATHER Petersen, Hans

WIFE'S  
MOTHER LORENTZEN, Anne Margarethe Dorothea

WIFE'S OTHER  
HUSBANDS

SEX M F	CHILDREN		N BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED		
	Given Names	SURNAME	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	F	LARSEN, Margrethe	(Child)	15	Jun	1871	Hyrum	Cache	Utah				
2	M	Larsen, Joseph	(Child)	6	Sept	1872	Hyrum	Cache	Utah				
3	F	Larsen, Caroline Mathilda		11	Sept	1874	Hyrum	Cache	Utah		26	Dec	1950
4	F	Larsen, Doris		21	Sept	1876	Hyrum	Cache	Utah	GREEN, Charles S.	13	Jan	1904
5	M	Larsen Lorenzo		12	Sept	1878	Hyrum	Cache	Utah	CROOKSTON, William C	19	Dec	1978
6	F	Larsen, Anna		12	Apr	1883	Hyrum	Cache	Utah	5 Oct 1905	13	Jul	1956
7	M	Larsen, Alfred		31	Oct	1884	Hyrum	Cache	Utah	HENDRIKSON, Hildeborg	9	Mar	1904
8	M	Larsen, Ruben		28	Apr	1888	Hyrum	Cache	Utah	21 Feb 1966			
9	F	Larsen, Veda Hortense		6	Mar	1891	Hyrum	Cache	Utah	HALL, Hiram Jr.	5	Nov	1913
10										2 Jan 1942			
11										LINDER, Freda	29	Jun	1967
										ROGERS, Veda			
										10 Feb 1915	27	Oct	1983
										Redford, Lawrence Brown			

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

Husband LARSEN, Lars Kervin

Wife PETERSEN, Josephine Margaret

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☐ Baptism ☐ Endowment ☐ Sealing

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Date prepared

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Husband

Wife

**LDS ORDINANCE DATA**

BAPTIZED (Date) ENDOWED (Date) SEALED (Date and Temple)

HUSBAND

2 Sept 1866 10 May 1870

WIFE

10 May 1870

SEALED (Date and Temple)  
CHILDREN TO PARENTS

Child

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18 Nov 1895 21 Nov 1895

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9 Dec 1955

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1899 8 Sept 1920

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# FAMILY OF ERNEST AND ANNELIZA BENSON PETERSEN



**ERNEST**



**ANNELIZA**

**Lillian Ann Petersen**  
(died at age 16)



**Ernest Jr. Petersen**  
*Annie Christine Nielsen Petersen*



**Algernon Petersen**  
*Leah Dagsen Petersen*

Afton  
Shirley  
Virginia  
Evelyn  
Cyril  
Helen  
Richard  
Winston  
Marcus



**Minnie A. Petersen Allen**  
*Thomas Edwin Allen*

Priscilla  
Arden  
Ernest  
Rolli  
Whitney  
Horace  
Vernon  
Helen  
Grant  
Leonard

**James Alva Petersen**

**Grover Winefred Petersen**  
**William Russell Petersen**



**Grace Laura Petersen Jensen**  
*Alvin Jensen*

Lucille  
Marian  
Gilbert  
Ann Marie  
Richard  
Doyle

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:  
 NAMES: WATSON, John Henry  
 PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt  
 DATES: 14 Apr 1794  
 To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

FAMILY  
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# **HUSBAND** PETERSEN, Ernest

Born 30 Jan 1854 Place Valby, Frederiksborg, Denmark  
 Chr. Place  
 Marr. 24 Oct 1876 Place  
 Died 7 Jan 1936 Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah  
 Bur. 11 Jan 1936 Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah

HUSBAND'S FATHER PETERSEN, Hans  
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES MOLLEN, Millie

HUSBAND'S MOTHER LORENTZEN, Anne Margarethe Dorothea

Husband PETERSEN, Ernest

Wife BENSON, Anneliza

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# **WIFE** BENSON, Anneliza

Born 20 Dec 1858 Place Springville, Utah  
 Chr. Place  
 Died 11 Apr 1893 Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah  
 Bur. Place

WIFE'S FATHER BENSON, James

WIFE'S MOTHER JORDAN, Alvina, M.

FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE

PETERSEN, Clark L.

RELATION OF F.R. TO HUSBAND

RELATION OF F.R. TO WIFE

## TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

BAPTIZED (DATE)	ENDOWED (DATE)	SEALED (Date & Temple)
HUSBAND		
1864	24 Oct 1875	1876
WIFE		
1866	24 Oct 1876	SEALED (Date & Temple)

CHILDREN TO PARENTS

SEX M F	CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES	WHEN BORN DAY MONTH YEAR	WHERE BORN TOWN COUNTY STATE OR COUNTRY	DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED DAY MONTH YEAR
1					13 March 1892
F	PETERSEN, Lillian Ann	14 Oct 1877	Hyrum	Cache	Utah
2					25 Nov 1947 16 Nov 1960
M	PETERSEN, Ernest Jr.	10 Aug 1880	Hyrum	Cache	Utah
3					11 Jun 1902 12 October 1949
F	PETERSEN, Minnie Alvina	15 Dec 1881	Hyrum	Cache	Utah
4					4 October 1884
M	PETERSEN, James Alva	2 Oct 1884	Hyrum	Cache	Utah
5					14 Jul 1911 26 Nov 1963
M	PETERSEN, Algernon	12 Jun 1886	Hyrum	Cache	Utah
6					DAGSON, Leah 17 February 1892
M	PETERSEN, Grover, Winifred	5 Jul 1888	Hyrum	Cache	Utah
7					8 February 1891
M	PETERSEN, William Russell	13 Jan 1891	Hyrum	Cache	Utah
8					26 Nov 1913 5 April 1928
F	PETERSEN, Grace Laura	10 Oct 1892	Hyrum	Cache	Utah
9					JENSEN, Alvin
10					
11					

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Hyrum 2nd Ward Records  
 Family Representative

## OTHER MARRIAGES

## NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS



# FAMILY OF ERNEST AND MILLIE MOLEN PETERSEN



**ERNEST**



**MILLIE**



**Laurany Jane Kennedy P. Meyer**  
*Franklyn Meyer*  
Robert



**Constance Petersen Shoorer**  
*Isadore Shoorer*  
David



**Douglas Harriman Petersen**  
*Lois Lewis Petersen*  
Sharlyn



**LaRue Petersen Romney**  
*Melborn Romney*  
Millie  
Melbourne  
Ema



**Molen Legrand Petersen**  
*Mary Maughan Petersen*  
Molen Larry  
Farrell Dean  
Marv Gloria



**Clyde Byran Petersen**  
*Grace Redford Petersen*  
Routh  
Joyce



**Evangelin Petersen**  
*Earl W. Jensen*  
Robert  
Hal  
Carl

# **HUSBAND (2) Ernest Lorentz PETERSEN**

Born 31 Jan 1854 Place Valby, Fredericksborg, Denmark  
 Chr. 5 Mar 1854 Place Valby, Fredericksborg, Denmark  
 Mar 6 June 1895 Place Logan, Cache, Utah  
 Died 7 Jan 1936 Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah  
 Bur. 11 Jan 1936 Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah

HUSBAND'S FATHER Hans PETERSEN (PEDERSEN)

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES (1) Ann Eliza BENSON

HUSBAND'S MOTHER

Anne Margarethe Dorothea (Doris) LORENTZEN

Husband Ernest Lorentz PETERSEN 1854

Wife Millie MOLEN

Ward Examiners 1.  
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NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING SHEET

Emma Lou Romney MORAY  
 1919 Hubbard Ave  
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84108

RELATION OF ABOVE TO HUSBAND G daughter  
 RELATION OF ABOVE TO WIFE G daughter

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June 15, 1981

## **LDS ORDINANCE DATA**

BAPTIZED (Date) ENDOWED (Date) SEALED (Date and Temples)

HUSBAND 1864 EH Lg

WIFE 7 Jan 1875 Lg

7 Jan 1897 6 June 1895

7 June 1898 21 Aug 1967 4 Sept 1980

16 May 1904 11 May 1916 BIC

9 May 1906 28 May 1949 BIC

13 Apr 1909 24 Oct 1923 BIC

3 Feb 1914 25 Sept 1929 BIC

11 Mar 1916 23 Sept 1926 BIC

15 Mar 1921 5 June 1985 BIC

# **WIFE (2) Millie MOLEN**

Born 7 Jan 1871 Place Malad, Oneida, Idaho  
 Chr. Place  
 Died 31 Mar 1950 Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah  
 Bur. 3 Apr 1950 Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah

WIFE'S FATHER Simpson Montgomery MOLEN

WIFE'S OTHER (1) Theodore KENNEDY 25 July 1889

WIFE'S MOTHER

Jane Elizabeth HYDE

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names SURNAME	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
1	PETERSEN							Aviason	15 Mar 1956			
F	Laurany Jane (Kennedy) /	24 Apr 1890			Hyrum	Cache	Utah	Franklyn MEYER	17 Sept 1919	23 Aug 1943		
2	LaRue PETERSEN	21 Apr 1896			Hyrum	Cache	Utah	Melbourne ROMNEY	21 Feb 1920	21 July 1992		
F	Evangeline PETERSEN	25 Dec 1897			Hyrum	Cache	Utah	Earl Wilford JENSEN	28 May 1934	27 July 1989		
4	Constance Alecia PETERSEN	1 Apr 1901			Hyrum	Cache	Utah	Isadore SHOORE	25 Sept 1929	15 July 1978		
5	Molen LeGrande PETERSEN	3 Feb 1906			Hyrum	Cache	Utah	Mary MAUGHAN		9 Jan 1970		
6	Douglas Harriman PETERSEN	9 Mar 1908			Hyrum	Cache	Utah	Lois LEWIS	23 Apr 1933	4 June 1982		
M	Clyde Byron PETERSEN	23 Dec 1913			Hyrum	Cache	Utah	Grace REDFORD				
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## **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Hyrum 2nd Ward Record Film #025993 (#6315 pt 2)  
 Family Records  
 Genealogical Library Films, Salt Lake City, Utah

## **OTHER MARRIAGES**

#1 Laurany Jane sealed to mother and 2nd husband

## **NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS**

BACK OF SHEET



- Ernest Lorentz PETERSEN - Birth - Parish Records, Valby, Fredericksborg, Denmark. Film #048552, pg 2  
Bap & rebap - Film #025991, pg 35, Hyrum Ward Records, Record of Members Early to 1887  
End - Film #25165 pt 28 (#183,408), pg 9, item 211, EH, 24 Oct 1878  
Sealing of Ernest and (1) Ann Eliza BENSON - Film #183,402, pg 24, Bk L, EH, 24 Oct 1878 by Daniel H Wells  
Sealing of Ernest and (2) Millie MOLEN - Film #178,135, pg 368, item 6611, Bk A, Lg, 6 June 1895  
Death - Hyrum City Cemetary records
- Millie MOLEN - Birth - Family Record  
End - Film #178,052, pg 390, item 14030, Bk A, Lg, 6 June 1895. This entry listed Millie's parents as: father - name not listed  
She was adopted and sealed to Simpson Montgomery Molen and Jane Elizabeth Hyde - mother - Catherine Morgan  
Film #178,087, pg 147, Bk A, Lg, 19 Feb 1885  
Bap - 1879 date Family Record & Endowment Film. 1897 date Hyrum 2nd Wd Record, Film #025993-Bap & Confirmed by SM Molen (Simpson Montgomery Molen)
- #1 Laurany Jane (Kennedy) PETERSEN - Birth -  
End - Archive Record  
Sealed to Millie MOLEN & Ernest Lorentz PETERSEN - 4 Sept 1980, proxy Emma Lou Romney Moray, niece  
\* Theodore Kennedy left Millie MOLEN in San Francisco in 1889. Simpson Molen went to San Francisco and brought Millie back to Hyrum, Cache,  
Utah where her baby, Laurany was born.  
Death- Heart attack, Sioux Falls, SD
- #2 LaRue PETERSEN - Birth & Bap - Hyrum 2nd Ward Records Film #025993, item 466, Record of Members pt 1  
End - Film #178,054, pg 70, item 1663, Bk A, Lg, 11 May 1916 (She was the only one that took out their endowments on that day in Logan)  
Marriage - Film #178,139, pg 80, item 1213, Bk A, Lg, 17 Sept 1919 \*Departed for her mission to Eastern States 17 May 1916  
Death - personal knowledge, Salt Lake City Cemetary
- #3 Evangeline PETERSEN - Birth & Bap - Hyrum 2nd Ward Records Film #025993, item 465, Record of Members pt 1  
End - Film #170,578, pg 96, item 1998, Bk 1. Sealed to Earl Jensen on this day - SG, 28 May 1949
- #4 Constance Alecia PETERSEN - Bap - Hyrum 2nd Ward Records Film #025993, item 468, Records of Members and Children, Bk 2  
End - Film #178,054, pg 331, item 8918, Bk A, Lg, 24 Oct 1923  
Buried - Hyrum City Cemetary
- #5 Molen LeGrandePETERSEN - Birth & Bap - Hyrum 2nd Ward Records #025993, item 469, Records of Members & Children, Bk 2  
End - Film #178,054, pg 574, item 14944, Bk A, Lg, 25 Sept 1929  
Marriage - Film #178,139, pg 280, Bk A, Lg, 25 Sept 1929  
Death - Family Record, Hyrum City Cemetary
- #6 Douglas Harriman PETERSEN - Birth & Bap - Hyrum 2nd Ward Records Film #025993, item 470, Records of Members & Children, Bk 2  
End - Film #178,054, pg 456, item 11993, Lg, 23 Sept 1926  
Death - personal knowledge, buried in Hyrum City Cemetary
- #7 Clyde Byron PETERSEN - Birth & Bap - Hyrum 2nd Ward Records Film #025993, item 471, Records of Members & Children, Bk 2  
End - Lg, 5 June 1985  
Sealing of Clyde and Grace Redford - Lg, 5 June 1985 (I personally attended, elrm)  
Death - personal knowledge, buried in Hyrum City Cemetary

# FAMILY OF LORENTZ AND KIRSTINE NIELSEN PETERSEN



LORENTZ    KIRSTINE



**Lorenzo Carl Petersen**  
*Carrie Javan Jensen*

Blaine  
Boyd  
Lois  
Clark



**Willard Petersen**  
*Kate Maughan*

Bill  
Clair  
Stan



**Eva May Petersen**  
*David Gustaveson*  
Robert



**Dora Kirstine Petersen Browning**  
*Thomas Samuel Browning*

Beth  
Dale



**Agnes Martha Petersen**  
*Alma E. Rasmussen*

Clyde  
Vernon  
Leona Brim



**Jessie Richard Petersen**  
*Elizabeth Hughes*

Richard  
Larry  
Keith  
Don



**Waldmar Fredrick Petersen**  
*Flossie Eleanor Hansen*

Leland  
Gerald  
Ralph  
Bruce



**Alma Eugene Petersen**  
*Leora Nielsen*

Rhea  
Ruth  
Jay  
Delone  
Derrall  
Dennis



**John Verlo Petersen**  
*Lois Hill*

Bob  
Gary  
Sherwin  
Dwight



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<b>Husband Lorentz Petersen</b>				
Born	18 Feb 1857	Place	Valby, Fredericksborg, Denmark	LDS ordinance dates
Christened	13 Apr 1857	Place	Valby, Fredericksborg, Denmark	Baptized
Died	6 Apr 1942	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Endowed
Buried		Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Sealed to parents
Married		Place		Sealed to spouse
Husband's father Hans Petersen				
Husband's mother Anna Margrethe Dorthea Lorentzen				

<b>Wife Kirstine Nielsen</b>				
Born	30 Nov 1859	Place	Fredericksborg, Denmark	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized
Died	25 Oct 1944	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Endowed
Buried		Place		Sealed to parents
Wife's father				
Wife's mother				

<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
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<b>1</b>	<b>M Lorenzo Carl Petersen</b>			
	Born	9 Sep 1878	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah
	Christened		Place	
	Died	13 Aug 1972	Place	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse Carrie Javan Jensen			
	Married	12 Jun 1907	Place	

<b>2</b>	<b>F Doris Kirstine Petersen</b>			
	Born	25 Oct 1880	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah
	Christened		Place	
	Died	27 Feb 1977	Place	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse Thomas Samuel Browning			
	Married	8 Nov 1917	Place	

<b>3</b>	<b>M Waldemar Frederick Petersen</b>			
	Born	22 Sep 1882	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah
	Christened		Place	
	Died	11 Aug 1971	Place	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse Flossie Eleanor Hansen			
	Married	29 Dec 1905	Place	

<b>4</b>	<b>M Willard Petersen</b>			
	Born	12 Dec 1884	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah
	Christened		Place	
	Died	1981	Place	

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Husband		Lorentz Petersen			
Wife		Kirstine Nielsen			
Children		List each child in order of birth.		LDS ordinance dates	Temple
4	M	Willard Petersen			
		Buried	Place		
		Spouse	Kate Maughan		
		Married	31 Dec 1925	Place	Sealed to spouse
5	F	Agnes Martha Petersen			
		Born	2 Apr 1887	Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Baptized 6 Jun 1895
		Christened	Place		Endowed 18 Dec 1907
		Died	1987	Place	Sealed to parents BIC
		Buried	Place		
		Spouse	Alma Emanuel Rasmussen		
		Married	18 Dec 1907	Place	Sealed to spouse
6	M	Alma Eugene Petersen			
		Born	11 Jan 1892	Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Baptized 16 Jan 1900
		Christened	Place		Endowed 10 Dec 1913
		Died	13 Feb 1994	Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Sealed to parents BIC
		Buried	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah	
		Spouse	Leora Nielsen		
		Married	10 Dec 1913	Place Logan, Cache, Utah	Sealed to spouse 10 Dec 1913 LOGAN
7	F	Eva May Petersen			
		Born	29 Apr 1895	Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Baptized 29 Apr 1903
		Christened	Place		Endowed 6 Dec 1933
		Died	13 Aug 1979	Place	Sealed to parents BIC
		Buried	Place		
		Spouse	David Hyrum Gustaveson		
		Married	20 Aug 1926	Place	Sealed to spouse
8	M	Jesse Richard Petersen			
		Born	26 Dec 1899	Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Baptized 7 Jan 1908
		Christened	Place		Endowed 6 Jul 1921 LOGAN
		Died	1995	Place	Sealed to parents BIC
		Buried	1995	Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah	
		Spouse	Elisabeth Hughes		
		Married	1 Dec 1926	Place	Sealed to spouse
9	M	John Verlo Petersen			
		Born	16 Jul 1902	Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Baptized 19 Jul 1910
		Christened	Place		Endowed 12 Apr 1944 LOGAN
		Died	1993	Place	Sealed to parents BIC
		Buried	Place		
		Spouse	Lois Hill		
		Married	7 Sep 1927	Place	Sealed to spouse



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Husband <b>Lorenzo Carl Petersen</b>				
Born	9 Sep 1878	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized Sep 1886
Died	13 Aug 1972	Place	Nampa, Canyon, Idaho	Endowed 9 Oct 1903
Buried	18 Aug 1972	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Sealed to parents BIC
Married	12 Jun 1907	Place	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah	Sealed to spouse 12 Jun 1907 SLAKE
Husband's father Lorentz Petersen				
Husband's mother Kirstine Nielsen				
Wife <b>Carrie JaVan Jensen</b>				
Born	10 Jul 1885	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized 10 Jul 1893
Died	18 Oct 1956	Place	Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho	Endowed 12 Jun 1907 SLAKE
Buried	22 Oct 1956	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Sealed to parents BIC
Wife's father James Lars Jensen				
Wife's mother Beartha Maria Carlsen				
Children List each child in order of birth.				
1 F <b>Lois JaVan Petersen</b>				
Born	29 Apr 1920	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Baptized 1 May 1928
Christened		Place		Endowed 30 Nov 1943 LOGAN
Died		Place		Sealed to parents BIC
Buried		Place		
Spouse George Harold Cowley				
Married	30 Nov 1943	Place	Logan, Cache, Utah	Sealed to spouse 30 Nov 1943 LOGAN
2 M <b>Clark Lorenzo Petersen</b>				
Born	2 Jul 1915	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Baptized 3 Jul 1923
Christened		Place		Endowed 2 Jan 1935 LOGAN
Died	20 Jan 1990	Place	Ogden, Weber, Utah	Sealed to parents BIC
Buried		Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	
Spouse Nona Genevieve Clark				
Married	16 Oct 1940	Place	Logan, Cache, Utah	Sealed to spouse 16 Oct 1940 LOGAN
3 M <b>Gale Blaine Petersen</b>				
Born	2 May 1918	Place	Carey, Blaine, Idaho	Baptized 4 May 1926
Christened		Place		Endowed 26 Jun 1981 OGDEN
Died	18 Jan 1980	Place	Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho	Sealed to parents BIC
Buried		Place	Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho	
Spouse Veda Turner				
Married	2 Sep 1958	Place	Winnemucca, Nevada	Sealed to spouse 1981 OGDEN
4 M <b>Boyd LaRen Petersen</b>				
Born	7 Sep 1922	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Baptized 16 Sep
Christened		Place		Endowed
Died		Place		Sealed to parents
Buried		Place		
Spouse Idella Stauffer Parker				
Married	17 Apr 1944	Place	Wellsville, Cache, Utah	Sealed to spouse



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<b>Husband</b> <b>Thomas Samuel Browning</b>				
Born	15 Apr 1860	Place	Ogden, Weber, Utah	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized 2 Jul 1867
Died	2 Oct 1943	Place	Ogden, Weber, Utah	Endowed 26 May 1882
Buried		Place	Ogden, Weber, Utah	Sealed to parents
Married	8 Nov 1917	Place		Sealed to spouse 8 Nov 1917
Husband's father				
Husband's mother				

<b>Wife</b> <b>Doris (Dora) Kirstine Petersen (2)</b>				
Born	25 Oct 1880	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized
Died	27 Feb 1977	Place	Ogden, Weber, Utah	Endowed
Buried		Place	Ogden, Weber, Utah	Sealed to parents
Wife's father Lorentz Petersen				
Wife's mother Kirstine Nielsen				

<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
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1	<b>F</b>	<b>Beth Browning</b>
Born	19 Aug 1918	Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah
Christened		Place
Died		Place
Buried		Place
Spouse John Richard Parker		
Married	17 Aug 1949	Place Salt Lake City, S-lk, Utah

2	<b>M</b>	<b>Dale Thomas Browning</b>
Born	26 Feb 1920	Place Hyrum, Cache, Utah
Christened		Place
Died		Place
Buried		Place
Spouse Blanche Jean Wade		
Married	24 Nov 1944	Place Salt Lake City, S-lk, Utah

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## Husband

**Waldemar Frederick PETERSEN-29**

Born	22 Sep 1882	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Died	11 Aug 1971	Place	Logan, Cache, Utah	Baptized	2 Oct 1890
Buried	13 Aug 1971	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Endowed	26 Feb 1919 LOGAN
				Sealed to parents	BIC
Married	29 Dec 1905	Place	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah	Sealed to spouse	26 Feb 1919 LOGAN
Husband's father	Lorentz PETERSEN-45			MRIN: 29	
Husband's mother	Kirstine NIELSEN-48				

## Wife

**Flossie Eleanor HANSEN-30**

Born	9 May 1885	Place	Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Died	30 Oct 1985	Place	Logan, Cache, Utah	Baptized	6 Apr 1917
Buried	1985	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Endowed	22 Feb 1919 LOGAN
				Sealed to parents	4 Nov 1954 LOGAN
Wife's father	Ole HANSEN-55			MRIN: 30	
Wife's mother	Andrea Boletta Maria Christine LARSEN-56				

## Children List each child in order of birth.

LDS ordinance dates Temple

1	M	<b>Leland Wallace PETERSEN-18</b>			
		Born	23 Oct 1906	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah
		Died	6 May 2003	Place	Logan, Cache, Utah
		Buried	10 May 2003	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah
		Spouse	Thelma LILJENQUIST-19		
		Married	22 Dec 1932	Place	Logan, Cache, Utah
				Sealed to spouse	
				Sealed to parents	26 Feb 1919 LOGAN
				MRIN: 2	
2	M	<b>Gerald Fred PETERSEN-31</b>			
		Born	18 Oct 1911	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah
		Died	2 Apr 1918	Place	Cache, Utah
		Buried	Apr 1918	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah
				Sealed to parents	
3	M	<b>Ralph Chauncey PETERSEN-32</b>			
		Born	17 Jul 1919	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah
		Died	4 Aug 1993	Place	Clearfield, Davis Utah
				Sealed to parents	BIC
		Spouse	Virginia BLANCHARD-548		
		Married	15 Sep 1945	Place	
				Sealed to spouse	
				MRIN: 31	
4	M	<b>Jerry Bruce PETERSEN-33</b>			
		Born	5 Sep 1925	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah
				Sealed to parents	
		Spouse	Cecilia -549		
		Married		Place	
				Sealed to spouse	
				MRIN: 32	



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<b>Husband</b>		Given name(s) <u>Willard</u>		Last name <u>Petersen</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
Born (day month year)	Place	LDS ordinance dates		Temple			
<u>12 Dec 1884</u>	<u>Hyrum, UT</u>						
Christened	Place	Baptized					
Died	Place	Endowed					
<u>30 Oct 1981</u>	<u>Salt Lake City, UT</u>						
Buried	Place	Sealed to parents					
Married	Place	Sealed to spouse					
<u>31 Dec 1925</u>	<u>Los Angeles, CA</u>						
Husband's father		Last name		Deceased			
Given name(s) <u>Lorentz</u>		<u>Petersen</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Husband's mother		Maiden name		Deceased			
Given name(s) <u>Kirstine</u>		<u>Nielsen</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Wife</b>		Given name(s) <u>Kate</u>		Maiden name <u>Maughan</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
Born (day month year)	Place	LDS ordinance dates		Temple			
<u>8 May 1902</u>	<u>Wellsville, UT</u>						
Christened	Place	Baptized					
Died	Place	Endowed					
<u>10 Jan 1986</u>	<u>Salt Lake City, UT</u>						
Buried	Place	Sealed to parents					
Wife's father		Last name		Deceased			
Given name(s) <u>Heber Lloyd</u>		<u>Maughan</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Wife's mother		Maiden name		Deceased			
Given name(s) <u>Clarinda</u>		<u>Darley</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Children</b>		List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.		LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
1	Sex <u>M</u>	Given name(s) <u>Willard Reed</u>		Last name <u>Petersen</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
	Born (day month year)	Place		Baptized			
	<u>22 Nov 1926</u>	<u>Logan, UT</u>					
	Christened	Place		Endowed			
	Died	Place		Sealed to parents			
	Spouse	Last name		Sealed to spouse			
	Given name(s) <u>Mary Belle</u>	<u>Brown</u>					
	Married	Place					
	<u>12 June 1948</u>	<u>Logan, UT</u>					
2	Sex <u>M</u>	Given name(s) <u>Howard Clair</u>		Last name <u>Petersen</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
	Born (day month year)	Place		Baptized			
	<u>5 Sept 1930</u>	<u>Logan, UT</u>					
	Christened	Place		Endowed			
	Died	Place		Sealed to parents			
	Spouse	Last name		Sealed to spouse			
	Given name(s) <u>Maria Elena</u>	<u>Mejia</u>					
	Married	Place					
	<u>27 Dec 1968</u>	<u>Logan, UT</u>					
3	Sex <u>M</u>	Given name(s) <u>Stanford Burke</u>		Last name <u>Petersen</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
	Born (day month year)	Place		Baptized			
	<u>14 Jan 1934</u>	<u>Hyrum, UT</u>					
	Christened	Place		Endowed			
	Died	Place		Sealed to parents			
	Spouse	Last name		Sealed to spouse			
	Given name(s) <u>Carol June</u>	<u>Aldous</u>					
	Married	Place					
	<u>10 Sept 1957</u>	<u>Salt Lake City, UT</u>					
Select <b>only one</b> of the following options. The option you select applies to all names on this form.				Your name			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 1—Family File</b> Send all names to my family file at the _____ Temple.				Address			
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<b>Husband</b>				
<b>Alma Eugene Petersen</b>				
Born	11 Jan 1892	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized 16 Jan 1900
Died	13 Feb 1994	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Endowed 10 Dec 1913
Buried	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Sealed to parents
Married	10 Dec 1913	Place	Logan, Cache, Utah	Sealed to spouse 10 Dec 1913
Husband's father Lorentz Petersen				
Husband's mother Kirstine Nielsen				

<b>Wife</b>				
<b>Leora Nielsen</b>				
Born	2 Sep 1895	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized
Died	10 Nov 1975	Place	Logan, Cache, Utah	Endowed 10 Dec 1913
Buried	12 Nov 1975	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Sealed to parents
Wife's father				
Wife's mother				

<b>Children</b>	List each child in order of birth.	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
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1	<b>F Rhea Merl Petersen</b>				
Born	24 Mar 1915	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Baptized	1 May 1923
Christened		Place		Endowed	
Died		Place		Sealed to parents	BIC
Buried		Place			
Spouse Carl Alfred Lundahl					
Married	17 Sep 1934 (Div)	Place		Sealed to spouse	

2	<b>F Ruth Petersen</b>				
Born	18 Sep 1917	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Baptized	29 Sep 1925
Christened		Place		Endowed	4 Feb 1936
Died	2002	Place	Logan, Cache, Utah	Sealed to parents	BIC
Buried		Place	Logan, Cache, Utah		
Spouse Douglas Borlase					
Married	4 Feb 1936	Place		Sealed to spouse	4 Feb 1936

3	<b>M Jay Eugene Petersen</b>				
Born	21 Feb 1920	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Baptized	24 Apr 1928
Christened		Place		Endowed	12 Apr 1944
Died		Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Sealed to parents	BIC
Buried		Place			
Spouse Bara Stoddard					
Married	7 Jun 1941	Place		Sealed to spouse	12 Apr 1944

4	<b>F Delone Petersen</b>				
Born	10 Mar 1922	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Baptized	17 Jun 1930
Christened		Place		Endowed	1 Jun 1977
Died		Place		Sealed to parents	BIC
LOGAN					

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Husband		Alma Eugene Petersen			
Wife		Leora Nielsen			
Children		List each child in order of birth.		LDS ordinance dates	Temple
4	F	Delone Petersen			
	Buried	Place			
	Spouse	Wesley Bailey			
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse	1 Jun 1977	LOGAN
5	M	Derrall Courtney Petersen			
	Born	4 Feb 1930	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Baptized 5 Mar 1938
	Christened	Place	Endowed	9 Jul 1965	LOGAN
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents	BIC	
	Buried	Place			
	Spouse	Karen Hawkins			
	Married	3 Feb 1955	Place	Logan, Cache, Utah	Sealed to spouse 9 Jul 1965 LOGAN
6	M	Dennis Mark Petersen			
	Born	25 May 1935	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Baptized 12 Jun 1943
	Christened	Place	Endowed	14 Jul 1955	
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents	BIC	
	Buried	Place			
	Spouse	Kathleen Maughan			
	Married	14 Jul 1955 (Div)	Place	Logan, Cache, Utah	Sealed to spouse 14 Jul 1955



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<b>Husband</b>				
<b>David Hyrum GUSTAVESON</b>				
Born	25 Jan 1882	Place	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized 11 Feb 1890
Died	7 Jul 1949	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Ut	Endowed 24 Sep 1902
Buried	10 Jul 1949	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Ut	Sealed to parents
Married	20 Aug 1926	Place	Los Angeles, L.a., Ca	Sealed to spouse 6 Dec 1933
Husband's father Carl Johan Or Charles John GUSTAVESON				
Husband's mother Hannah ANDERSON				
<b>Wife</b>				
<b>Eva May PETERSEN</b>				
Born	29 Apr 1895	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized 29 Apr 1903
Died	13 Aug 1979	Place	Pomona, Los Angeles, California	Endowed 6 Dec 1933
Buried		Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Sealed to parents
Wife's father Lorentz PETERSEN				
Wife's mother Kirstine NIELSEN				
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.				
LDS ordinance dates				
Temple				
<b>1 M Robert Carl Gustaveson</b>				
Born	3 Feb 1928	Place	Los Angeles, CA	Baptized 29 Feb 1936
Christened		Place		Endowed 6 Jun 1947
Died		Place		Sealed to parents
Buried		Place		
Spouse Julia Anne Neville				
Married	15 Aug 1955	Place		Sealed to spouse

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E-mail address		
Date prepared	22 May 2004	

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<b>Husband</b>				
<b>Jesse Richard Petersen</b>				
Born	26 Dec 1899	Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized 7 Jan 1908
Died	16 May 1995	Place		Endowed 6 Jul 1921
Buried		Place		Sealed to parents BIC
Married		Place		Sealed to spouse
Husband's father Lorentz Petersen				
Husband's mother Kirstine, Nielsen				
<b>Wife</b>				
<b>Elizabeth Hughes</b>				
Born	20 Oct 1904	Place	Salt Lake City, S-lk, Utah	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized 2 Nov 1912
Died	7 May 1996	Place	Logan, Cache, Utah	Endowed 1 Dec 1926
Buried		Place	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	Sealed to parents
Wife's father				
Wife's mother				
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.				
LDS ordinance dates				
Temple				
1	<b>M Richard Hughes Petersen</b>			
Born	10 Mar 1928	Place	Logan, Cache, Utah	Baptized 5 Jul 1936
Christened		Place		Endowed 5 Dec 1952
Died		Place		Sealed to parents BIC
Buried		Place		
Spouse Delmar Partington				
Married	5 Dec 1952	Place		Sealed to spouse
2	<b>M Lawrence Francis Petersen</b>			
Born	20 Oct 1931	Place	Salt Lake City, S-lk, Utah	Baptized 18 Nov 1939
Christened		Place		Endowed 4 Jan 1951
Died		Place		Sealed to parents BIC
Buried		Place		
Spouse Joanne Collett				
Married	28 May 1959	Place		Sealed to spouse
3	<b>M Stanley Keith Petersen</b>			
Born	3 Oct 1933	Place	Salt Lake City, S-lk, Utah	Baptized 24 Nov 1941
Christened		Place		Endowed
Died		Place		Sealed to parents BIC
Buried		Place		
Spouse Barbara Jean Cook				
Married	2 Jul 1964	Place		Sealed to spouse
4	<b>M Don Robert Petersen</b>			
Born	17 Mar 1937	Place	Salt Lake City, S-lk, Utah	Baptized 24 Mar 1945
Christened		Place		Endowed 22 Jun 1957
Died		Place		Sealed to parents BIC
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Husband		Jesse Richard Petersen		
Wife		Elizabeth Hughes		
Children		List each child in order of birth.	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
4	M	Don Robert Petersen		
	Buried	Place		
	Spouse	Carolyn Poole		
	Married	16 Jun 1967	Place	Sealed to spouse

# FAMILY OF EZRA PETERSEN AND ELLEN ALLEN PETERSEN



Ellen



Ezra

Ezra Joseph



Warren



Ruby



Sara P. and William Baxter  
(Baby Leta)  
Leta (Lilenquist)  
Max  
Arlene (Hall)  
Devoy

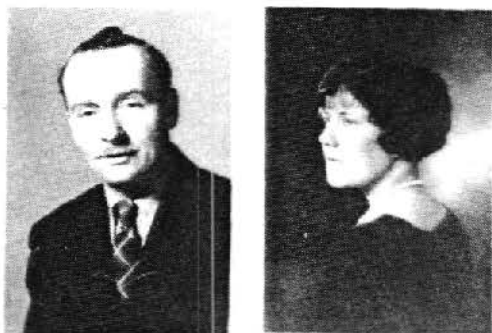


Pearl P. and Clyde Hurst

Clyde F.  
Reed M.  
Colleen (Baadsgard)  
Jerry R.



## FAMILY OF EZRA PETERSEN AND ELLEN ALLEN PETERSEN



Russell and Louise (Phillips)  
Petersen

Elaine (Glenn)  
Carl R.  
Ray W.  
Joan (Lindquist)



Vernon



La Prele P. and Russell Rich

Charles R.  
Thomas G.  
Bruce R.  
Lois (Nalder)  
Shirley (Higley)



Allan W. and Joy (McCann) Petersen  
Maxine (Wenzel)  
Allan Lex  
Joyce (Gast)

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<b>Husband</b> Given name(s) <u>Ezra</u>		Last name <u>Petersen</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
Born (day month year) <u>28 MAY 1866</u>	Place <u>Hyrum, Cache, Utah</u>	LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
Christened	Place	Baptized <u>10 JULY 1875</u>			
Died <u>15 MAY 1959</u>	Place <u>Logan, Cache, Utah</u>	Endowed <u>22 DEC 1887</u>		<u>LG.</u>	
Buried <u>18 MAY 1959</u>	Place <u>Hyrum, Cache, Utah</u>	Sealed to parents			
Married <u>22 DEC 1887</u>	Place <u>Logan, Cache, Utah</u>	Sealed to spouse <u>22 DEC 1887</u>		<u>LG.</u>	
Husband's father Given name(s) <u>Hans</u>		Last name <u>Petersen</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Husband's mother Given name(s) <u>Anne Margarethe Dorothea</u>		Maiden name <u>Lorentzen</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
<b>Wife</b> Given name(s) <u>Sarah Ellen</u>		Last name <u>Allen</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
Born (day month year) <u>30 MAY 1868</u>	Place <u>Hyrum, Cache, Utah</u>	LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
Christened	Place	Baptized <u>22 JUN 1877</u>			
Died <u>16 FEB 1938</u>	Place <u>Hyrum, Cache, Utah</u>	Endowed <u>22 DEC 1887</u>		<u>LG.</u>	
Buried <u>19 FEB 1938</u>	Place <u>Hyrum, Cache, Utah</u>	Sealed to parents			
Wife's father Given name(s) <u>Andrew Augustus Sr.</u>		Last name <u>Allen</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Wife's mother Given name(s) <u>Sarah Ann</u>		Maiden name <u>Cartwright</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
<b>Children</b> List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.				LDS ordinance dates	
				Temple	
1	Sex <u>M</u>	Given name(s) <u>Ezra Joseph</u>	Last name <u>Petersen</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year) <u>25 NOV 1888</u>	Place <u>Hyrum, Cache, Utah</u>	Baptized <u>child</u>		
	Christened	Place	Endowed <u>child</u>		
	Died <u>25 NOV 1888</u>	Place <u>Hyrum, Cache, Utah</u>	Sealed to parents <u>B.I.C.</u>		
	Spouse Given name(s)	Last name			
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse		
2	Sex <u>M</u>	Given name(s) <u>Warren</u>	Last name <u>Petersen</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year) <u>21 OCT 1889</u>	Place <u>Hyrum, Cache, Utah</u>	Baptized <u>6 AUG 1898</u>		
	Christened	Place	Endowed <u>30 MAR 1944</u>		
	Died <u>9 AUG 1939</u>	Place	Sealed to parents <u>B.I.C.</u>		
	Spouse Given name(s)	Last name			
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse		
3	Sex <u>F</u>	Given name(s) <u>Sarah Ethel</u>	Last name <u>Petersen</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year) <u>21 OCT 1891</u>	Place <u>Hyrum, Cache, Utah</u>	Baptized <u>8 APR 1900</u>		
	Christened	Place	Endowed <u>24 NOV 1915</u>		
	Died <u>4 MAR 1978</u>	Place <u>Hyrum, Cache, Utah</u>	Sealed to parents <u>B.I.C.</u>		
	Spouse Given name(s) <u>William Sanford</u>	Last name <u>Baxter</u>			
	Married <u>25 NOV 1915</u>	Place <u>Logan, Cache, Utah</u>	Sealed to spouse <u>25 NOV 1915</u>		
Select <b>only one</b> of the following options. The option you select applies to all names on this form.			Your name		
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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 2—Temple File</b> Send all names to any temple and assign proxies for all approved ordinances.			Address <u>2728 S. Hwy 23 Box 399</u>		
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			Date prepared		

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<b>Husband</b> Given name(s) Ezra		Last name Petersen	
<b>Wife</b> Given name(s)		Maiden name	
<b>Children</b> List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates
			Temple
4	Sex F	Given name(s) Ruby	Last name Petersen <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized
	18 JUL 1894	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	1 AP 1944
	Christened	Place	Endowed
			26 MAR 1947
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents
	1902		B.I.C.
	Spouse Given name(s)	Last name	
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse
5	Sex F	Given name(s) Pearl	Last name Petersen <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized
	19 AUG 1896	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	18 MAY 1905
	Christened	Place	Endowed
			4 AUG 1917
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents
	1 MAR 1971	Logan, Cache, Utah	B.I.C.
	Spouse Given name(s) Clyde	Last name Hurst	
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse
	4 AUG 1917	Logan, Cache, Utah	14 AUG 1919
6	Sex M	Given name(s) Russell	Last name Petersen <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized
	19 OCT 1898	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	29 FEB 1907
	Christened	Place	Endowed
			20 MAR 1963 L.A.
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents
	14 AUG 1946	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	B.I.C.
	Spouse Given name(s) Myra Louise	Last name Phillips	
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse
	1925	Preston, Franklin, Idaho	29 JAN 1964 L.A.
7	Sex F	Given name(s) LaPrele	Last name Petersen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized
	31 AUG 1900	Hyrum, Cache, Utah	31 AUG 1908
	Christened	Place	Endowed
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents
			B.I.C.
	Spouse Given name(s) Russel	Last name Rich	
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse
	1923		

**Other marriages** List other marriages and sealings of the husband, wife, and children on this form. List any necessary explanations.

#7 LaPrele Petersen MD(2) Charles Petersen 1937

**Sources of information** Add further information on attached sheets as necessary.

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<b>Husband</b>		Last name <b>petersen</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
Given name(s) <b>Ezra</b>				
Born (day month year)	Place	LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
Christened	Place	Baptized		
Died	Place	Endowed		
Buried	Place	Sealed to parents		
Married	Place	Sealed to spouse		
Husband's father Given name(s)		Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Husband's mother Given name(s)		Maiden name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
<b>Wife</b>		Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
Given name(s)				
Born (day month year)	Place	LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
Christened	Place	Baptized		
Died	Place	Endowed		
Buried	Place	Sealed to parents		
Wife's father Given name(s)		Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Wife's mother Given name(s)		Maiden name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
<b>Children</b> List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.		LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
8	Sex <b>M</b>	Given name(s) <b>Yernon</b>	Last name <b>petersen</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized	
	<b>26 Oct 1904</b>	<b>Hyrum, Cache, Utah</b>	<b>3 AUG 1912</b>	
	Christened	Place	Endowed	
			<b>30 Mar 1944</b>	
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents	
	<b>14 OCT 1940</b>		<b>B.I.C.</b>	
	Spouse Given name(s)	Last name		
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse	
9	Sex	Given name(s) <b>Allan Whitney (Whit)</b>	Last name <b>Petersen</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized	
	<b>19 SEP 1910</b>	<b>Hyrum, Cache, Utah</b>	<b>16 SEP 1918</b>	
	Christened	Place	Endowed	
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents	
			<b>B.I.C.</b>	
	Spouse Given name(s) <b>Joyce</b>	Last name <b>McAnn</b>		
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse	
	<b>19 Jan 1935</b>	<b>Farmington, Davis, Utah</b>		
	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name	<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized	
	Christened	Place	Endowed	
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents	
	Spouse Given name(s)	Last name		
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse	
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			Date prepared	



## Interesting Facts and Memories of Doris Lorentzen Petersen

The hand written notes on page 471 and 474 of the June 1950 issue of The Improvement Era (copies shown here) were made by Dora Kristine Petersen Browning of Ogden, Utah. She is a Grand Daughter of Doris Lorentzen Petersen and spent lots of time with her Grandmother in Hyrum, Utah where she grew up. Dora gave her copy of The Improvement Era, June 1950, to me when Clair Petersen and I visited with her at her home in 1962. She was then in her 80's and very alert. This longevity and mental alertness seems to be a Petersen inherited familial characteristic. It was a choice experience and we also visited with others throughout northern Utah of the same generation. We realize now that we were taking advantage of a window of opportunity of just a few years to record much of the information found in this book first hand, from those that knew Doris Lorentzen Petersen personally.

I Believe the Lord truly blessed us in this and in many other ways to properly record this important history.

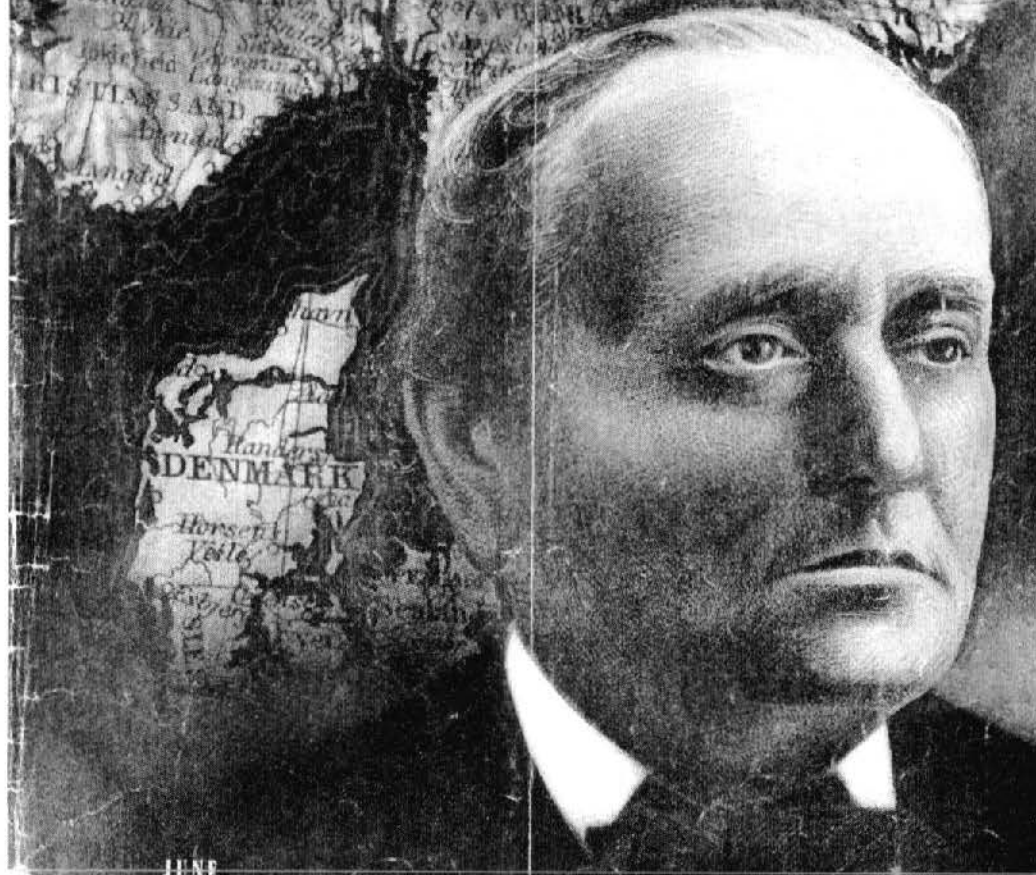
Of course my own mother, Pearl Petersen Hurst knew grandmother Lorentzen well. Doris lived with the Ezra Petersen family for a good part of her life. I had heard about her all of my life.

Interestingly, my first memory in this life is of my viewing Great Grandmother Doris in her casket, in the living room of my Grandparents home, Ezra and Sarah Ellin Allen Petersen. It was the day of her funeral service, 1922. I was just two years old, but had realized very early in life the greatness of this choice lady.

I still have a copy of a talk I gave about her, as a twelve year old boy, in sacrament service in our Logan 9th ward. After that meeting a Brother Welch, if I remember the name correctly, came up and told me he was delivered by Grandmother Lorentzen in Mendon, Utah. Mendon is just a few miles from Hyrum. As a midwife she had delivered around 1200 babies in Cache Valley. She had been called to perform this service by President Brigham Young, as you will read in this history.

It has been a sincere pleasure to seek out facts and pictures of this great family. We pray that each of you will enjoy what we have put together. It has taken the time and energy of many of the descendants of Doris.

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## EVIDENCES AND RECONCILIATIONS

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ONE hundred years ago, on June 14, 1850, Apostle Erastus Snow with Elders John E. Forsgren and George P. Dykes landed in Copenhagen, Denmark, to tell the people of the Scandinavian countries that the Lord had again spoken from the heavens, and that the Church of Christ, freed from the age-old accumulations of error, had again been restored. They had no friends nor acquaintances in the centuries-old city. Under the direction of the Lord, they began their work. Trusting in divine help they knelt in prayer and laid their plans before the Lord. In a surprising manner, seemingly miraculous, the way was opened for them. Converts were made; baptisms performed; branches organized. A rich harvest followed the labors of the first missionaries and of the many who followed them.

The simple ordinances of the gospel blessed the small groups of converts. Persecution, with imprisonment and forms of physical violence, often followed the early members of the Church in Scandinavia as elsewhere. In the face of such opposition the Saints sang their joy in the new-found truth. To them persecution seemed a small price for that which they had received!

Soon the desire to join the body of the Saints in the valleys of the Rocky Mountains of America drove many of the converts across the water, over the plains and deserts into the valleys of the Great Basin of North America, to which the people had been led by Brigham Young and their other leaders. On the journey they suffered the hardships of travel by ox team, handcart, or on foot. Some laid down their lives by the wagon trail; others reached the valley sick and emaciated, though most of them came to their destination ready to help at once in the taming of the surrounding, forbidding desert.

Elder Peter O. Hansen had preceded Erastus Snow's party by a week (May 11) and had quietly begun missionary work among his relatives and others.

*was this H. G. Hansen's brother?  
I think I never heard him*

### HOW MANY LATTER-DAY SAINTS ARE OF SCANDINAVIAN DESCENT?

The available records show that from 1850 to 1950, 5875 elders from "Zion" have labored as missionaries in Scandinavia, 2308 in Denmark, 2109 in Sweden, and 1458 in Norway. Seventy-three sisters from Utah have also labored as missionaries during this period—twenty-four in Denmark, twenty in Sweden, and twenty-nine in Norway. These missionaries baptized 27,492 souls in Denmark, 19,718 in Sweden, and 9,284 in Norway, or a total of 56,494 in the three countries.

One or more companies of emigrant converts from these countries made the journey to Utah nearly every year from 1851 to 1926. They brought there 13,910 Danes, 8,503 Swedes, and 3,437 Norwegians, or a total of 25,850 men, women, and children.

When they arrived, their work was not easy. They had to learn a new language and adapt themselves to new conditions. This they did unhesitatingly. They were not afraid of toil. Whatever came into their hands they used frugally. They were bound to win. Soon, despite their somewhat foreign accent, they became valiant and useful co-operators in building the kingdom of God in the West.

Their children married the youth of the land, without reference to racial origins. They were strong of body, wholesome in looks, and many were beautiful. The amalgamation became more and more complete. In the course of time,

Scandinavian blood flowed through the veins of thousands of Latter-day Saints born on the American side of the Atlantic.

A survey was recently made to honor in this jubilee year the many who have labored for the gospel's sake in Scandinavia, to determine the number of Latter-day Saints in the stakes of Zion of Scandinavian descent, full or partial. While incomplete, it indicates closely the fruits of the labors of Erastus Snow and the hundreds of missionaries who have labored at various times in the Scandinavian lands.

Six hundred and eighty-one wards and branches reported. Forty-five percent of their membership was found to be, in part at least, of Scandinavian origin. Since few units reported from known Scandinavian centers, the percent would undoubtedly have been higher if more units had reported. As it stands, the forty-five percent shows how the blood has spread throughout the Church.

In the attempt to determine where the blood of northern Europe is most predominant, the reports were segregated for six Utah counties, with results as follows:

	Percent
Sanpete and Sevier Counties	78.0
Box Elder County	64.8
Cache County	52.9
Utah County	50.0
Salt Lake County	45.0
Weber County	36.7
For 681 Units	44.8

Similar results would undoubtedly be found among any of the peoples who have accepted the gospel and joined the Saints in the stakes and wards of Zion.

The Church becomes a huge melting pot of seekers after truth. At last the kingdom of God will be as one people in spiritual and in physical inheritance.

That gives courage and zest in our toil for the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This survey was made by John F. Ottum under the direction of the Presiding Bishopric in co-operation with the committee on information and statistics of the Council of the Twelve.

Note Handwriting by Dora B. Saying,  
"My Grandmother had pictures of these men in her bedroom. I often slept with her. She would point to them saying these wonderful men brought gospel to me."

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# SCANDINAVIA... Fruitful Gospel Field

By Albert L. Zobell, Jr.  
RESEARCH EDITOR

FROM the humble yet firm beginning made in the old Scandinavian Mission a full century ago by Elder Erastus Snow of the Council of the Twelve, who was assisted by Peter O. Hansen and John E. Forsgren, have come thousands of converts, and today four missions are functioning: Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, and Finnish. In addition, the missionary endeavor was carried on in Iceland for two score years or more, and what little work has been done in Russia has been under the auspices of the Scandinavian missions.

A group of missionaries left Great Salt Lake City soon after the October 1849 conference, together with other Europe-bound missionaries, and in the words of Elder John Taylor, himself en route to open the French Mission: "Snows have fallen on our right and left, before and behind, but with the exception of a slight fall on the Sweetwater, and another on the day of our arrival at Fort Kearney [Nebraska], we have escaped unharmed."

Arriving in Great Britain, the three missionaries assigned to Scandinavia were outfitted for their labors by the generous Saints of that mission. Here Elder George P. Dykes joined the group. He had been instrumental in introducing the gospel to a Norwegian settlement in La Salle County, Illinois, in 1842.

Elder Hansen, born in Copenhagen but a long-time member of the Church in America, was the first elder to set foot in his native land, arriving May 11, 1850. He met President Snow and Elders Forsgren and Dykes as they arrived in Copenhagen June 14, 1850, with the report that he had already published the tract "En Advarsel til Folket" ("A Warning to the People"), but with the exception of some honest but persecuted Baptists, he had found few interested in the message he had. The work

in Copenhagen was begun among the Baptists, but soon spread to the membership of the Lutheran or state church.



Located early around the base of the famous Church of Our Redeemer were many quaint buildings one of which was chosen by the Copenhagen Saints as a temporary location to conduct their meetings in the 1850's.



Erastus Snow, youthful Apostle in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints sent to open up new fields of missionary labor in the Scandinavian countries.

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President Snow later testified that the Spirit of the Lord indicated that his missionary work should begin in Copenhagen, and that "the Lord has visited the believers with many visions, and dreams, and manifestations of the Holy Spirit, and some have told us that they have seen us in vision before we came."

President Snow, cautious to a fault lest an unprepared person take upon himself the covenant of baptism, purposely put off the performance of that ordinance until the Spirit whispered so, and consequently the first baptismal service was not held until August 12, when fifteen persons entered the Church.

Elder Forsgren took leave of his brethren on June 19 for a visit to his old home in Gefle, Sweden. There he found his brother, Peter Adolph Forsgren, and his sister, Christina Erika Forsgren, still living on the old family homestead. His father, a seafaring man, was absent. But there was little joy in the reunion. Peter had what his physicians said was to be a fatal case of consumption. After prayerful consideration, Elder Forsgren anointed his brother with oil and blessed him. He was healed and was baptized July 26, 1850, being the first person to accept the gospel in Scandinavia.

But there was no religious liberty

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Note hand written notes by Dora Browning  
"Grandmother Doris saw E. Snow and other men in dreams. She had been shown that they had the true church."

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THE FUNERAL SERVICES OF DORIS LORENTZEN - HELD NOVEMBER 19, 1922

Song - "Sister Thou Wast Mild and Lovely."

Prayer - Bishop A. A. Allen.

Quartett - A. J. Peterson, Leonard Larsen, Bishop Jorgenson and Moss Rasmussen. (Sang in Scandinavian language.)

First speaker - C. F. Olsen. (Sermon in Danish - not transcribed)

Song - "Silver Threads Among the Gold" - Sister Wahlen - at the request of Sister Lorentzen (Her favorite song)

2nd speaker - O. M. Wilson.

"My brothers and sisters, I can truthfully say it is a real favor to have the privilege to come before you and occupy a few moments of your time and to say a few words relative to the life works of this, our sister, whom we all learned to love, honor and respect. Her life has been one of sunshine and good cheer as has been most beautifully portrayed by Brother Olsen. I feel, and have felt, honored to enjoy the confidence and good will of this good woman.

I believe I have been quite a favorite with her and I was always made welcome at her home. When I met her on the street she would smile and was always ready with some word of cheer. She has always been faithful in her duty and calling in the Church.

One of the greatest honors, I feel, she ever bestowed upon me was that on the 90th anniversary of her birth I was asked and requested by her to her home and give her a patriarchal blessing, which I did, Brother A.J. Peterson acting as clerk. This day she was in good health and high spirits and I consider it a marked privilege to me. I have known her ever since I was able to know anybody outside of my own home and when I was able to use my power of observance.

This lady came into my life years ago and I have known her grandchildren and children ever since. I have found her to be a Christian woman

and thorough Latter-day Saint. The Saviour said, "He that giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord." This woman's life was that way. She was willing to impart to those in need. I want to say to her posterity today: "Live and believe in the order of the priesthood of God, as she has done." I was called and set apart as a patriarch, not as my own choice and I have reached that part in my life that I feel that I have learned to honor my calling in the priesthood of God.

Your mother was everything that has been said of her today and more, and that the Lord loves her and her life and He expects a great deal of you. If I remember right, in that blessing it was promised that her children and grandchildren would be raised up as a power to her people. This promise was made to her and I earnestly ask of you to fulfill it.

As I have stated a number of times before, I do appreciate highly the faith and confidence in our Heavenly Father that has led such as she to investigate the Gospel and to honor it. I want to say to those under the sound of my voice today that have been born in the mountain region that our parents and grand parents were not deluded in finding the Gospel. They were a people who were high-minded and highly educated and yet in them was the blood of Ephriam.

When the humble Mormon Elder stepped upon the threshold of her home his sentiments and words could not be smothered out. Those people passed through many things and endured many hardships for the sake of our religion.

Now in conclusion I want to bear record that her life has been noble and good and I do not care as to what condition her offspring may attain to, there is an example in that life, there is an inspiration that will even live. That which she accepted in that far-off land came to her through our Heavenly Father. Let us make a wise and proper use of our talents as she did of hers. Here was a power of strength to those in trouble. I do not know of a person in the range of my acquaintance whose life is more worthy of praise.

She lived under the same roof as her son, Ezra, and was well cared for and protected. May we all strive to live such an honorable life so



that we also will be justified when our time shall come. May the power of God unto salvation be with us at all times I humbly ask in the Name of Jesus, Amen."

3rd speaker - Dr. D.C. Budge

"My Brothers and Sisters - I deem it a privilege to meet with you here today and pay with you my last respects to Sister Lorentzen. I first met her about 22 years ago and found that she was a splendid good woman and that she had carried her responsibilities of this end of the valley for some time. In ancient times, in fact from the time of Adam, nurses have been in use. In those early days they knew very little what to do but they did the very best they could. In fact there was no distinct line between nurses and doctors, but a nurse and doctor was the same.

In those early days they did not know the cause of diseases, therefore, they were obliged to do what they thought was the wisest thing. The first real person who taught nursing was about 400 years before Christ, that which Sister Lorentzen has taught, "Do unto others as you would be done by." Finally Christ came along and cured diseases by the authority of the Priesthood He held, and in those days there were no hospitals. About 1200 years after Christ, hospitals were established and nurses were procured but not as today. They found that women were really accurate and that they have been blessed with a knowledge and natural instinct and have been blessed with good judgment.

In 1847 the real cause of the sick was known with which Sister Lorentzen has been so many years engaged in. All her time has been spent in doing the very best she could under the circumstances. She applied herself to the study and was blessed in her work. Great was the responsibility she took upon herself when she did not know the real cause of disease because it was not discovered until 1847. No one knew exactly the cause of diseases then but we know that if your children have diphtheria today and if they die, someone is to blame. It was not so in Sister Lorentzen's day. She went to those homes of diphtheria and did the very best she could. We expect something of physicians today because they go through so much schooling. Sister Lorentzen did not have that, but she did the same work and did the very best she could under the circumstances,

but she deserves just as much credit as the physicians of today. She did not claim to know everything. She said to me, "Dr. Budge, I do not know much, but I am doing just as good as I can."

Sister Lorentzen here waited on you people and waited on you women folks at the birth of almost 1200 children. She was called to that position and magnified her calling and knew that it was absolutely right. She believed in the Church and in a pre-existence of spirits and in a hereafter and she had the advantage of the teachings of the Church. There is not so much excuse for those who have been born out of the Church but I find in reading that those not of our faith believe in the hereafter. I would like to read a note or two which was written by someone not of our faith showing that they really believe in the hereafter. (Reads) These were written showing that they are looking to the same thing as we are.

It will be a pleasant thing for this family to reunite. My mother is the mother of 15 children. I believe that is the proudest thing I have to say in my life. It might be said that Sister Lorentzen was the mother of 1200. She has come to you in sunshine and in rain and has gone out at all hours of the night in storms. I wonder sometimes if she has been given proper credit for all of those things. She has been dependent upon the Lord in doing her duty.

It gives me great pleasure to be here today and to pay my last respects to Sister Lorentzen because of the nature and kind of work of which I appreciate probably more than some of you. She was a splendid good woman and the family can be proud of their mother and grandmother.

I did not say much about some of the things about Sister Lorentzen's life, as Brother Olsen and Wilson, but from the standpoint of a nurse and what she has done, I am here to testify that she has done much good.

I pray God to bless the family and her sons and daughters and all in connection with the family, and I ask it in the name of Jesus, Amen."

N. W. Christensen and wife played a violin and piano duet.



4th Speaker - Alvin McBride

"My Brothers and Sisters, it is with a feeling of humility I attempt to occupy this place this afternoon, but I want to say that I indeed deem it a privilege to add a few words to the character and life of this good Sister whose material remains lie here. I wish to bear testimony, however, as far as my observations have gone, and I have known this good woman for nearly 60 years, that there has not been one word of exaggeration and untruth uttered regarding her life and character.

I would like to say one word to the children and grandchildren, to build upon the foundation of the character and life she has set. They should live better and purer through the example she has set before them. It is highly important that we should all be very careful in our lives.

As has been stated, Sister Lorentzen was a remarkable woman, she was endowed with high intellectual powers and was enabled to win friends. One day just recently, during her last illness, I made this remark that Sister Lorentzen compelled the love of this generation. We frequently hear it said and scripture quoted that, "It is better to repair to the house of mourning than the house of feasting." When we come together and are enabled to throw off the cares and responsibilities of life and are blessed of the Spirit of Almighty God we indeed get a deeper knowledge of the Father above.

I want to say in conclusion that the time has been well spent and you, the sons and daughters and posterity ever obey the counsel and advice she has given you and the example she has set before you for that speaks louder than words. Her life has been exemplary all along. We will miss her and they will miss her, but we have this consolation, that her memory will live with us forever.

May God help us in the covenants He has given us and may we forever be faithful to the counsel she so beautifully has exemplified, I ask in the name of Jesus, Amen."

Choir sang - "Oh, My Father."

Benediction - N.J. Nielson.

