

Hans Hansen Karen Marie Hansdatter and Morten Hansen

This is the background of my great grandfather's 3 halvesiblings that immigrated to the USA in 1870/1873.

Their father was **Hans Rasmussen**, Born Jun. 7, 1801, in Skafterup, Fyrendal, Soroe, Denmark. He died Jun. 2, 1852, same place.

His parents were:

Rasmus Hansen, 1763, in Skafterup – Nov. 20, 1815, age, 52, in Skafterup.

Johanne Hansdatter, 1776/1777 – May 24, 1847, age 71, in Skafterup. In 1816, when Rasmus Hansen died, **Hans Joergensen** from Haarslev got their place, and to get it, he had to marry the widow, Johanne Hansdatter. They were married Dec. 22, 1816, in Fyrendal Church. This Hans Joergensen is therefore step-father to Hans Rasmussen and his siblings, and does a good job at it. He died Sep. 10, 1830. Johanne Hansdatter died May 24, 1847, and is buried in Fyrendal Church. However, since the mother and stepfather had the home place, Hans Rasmussen can't get it, and must find another place in Kvislemark.

Hans Rasmussen's wives:

Wife #1: Maren Rasmusdatter – 1794 – Jun. 20, 1831 (age 37), Skafterup, Fyrendal. They were married Feb. 15, 1822, in Kvislemark Church. She died Jun. 20, 1831, in Skafterup, and is buried in Fyrendal Church. Maren's parents were: Rasmus Larsen (1762 – 1829) and Kirsten Nielsdatter (1756 – 1828).

Note: On Sep. 4, 1829, the family - Hans, Maren, and the 3 children listed below - gets a house in Skafterup, and moves there.

Children with Maren:

Niels Hansen – Nov. 1, 1823, in Kvislemark, Soroe, Denmark – Feb. 2, 1890, (age 66) in Skafterup, Fyrendal, Soroe, Denmark.

Peder Hansen – Aug. 25, 1825, in Kvislemark – Jul. 18, 1896, (age 70) in Skafterup, Fyrendal. (**My great grandfather**).

Ellen Kirstine Hansdatter – 1829, in Kvislemark – Mar. 4, 1832, (age 3) in Skafterup, Fyrendal,

Wife #2: Mette Pedersdatter – 1810 in Arloese, Foerslev, Soroe, Denmark – Nov. 25, 1867, in Skafterup, Fyrendal. They were married Nov. 26, 1836, in Fyrendal Church.

Children with Mette:

Hans Hansen – Sep. 12, 1837, in Skafterup, Fyrendal - ?? in USA. No records found in USA.

Ellen Kirstine Hansdatter – May 12, 1839, Skafterup – Oct. 3, 1840 (age 1½) in Skafterup, Fyrendal.

Anne/Ane Sofie Hansdatter – Nov. 11, 1840, Skafterup – May 9, 1866, (age 25) in Skafterup, Fyrendal.

Mette Kirstine Hansdatter – Jun. 15, 1842, Skafterup – Jul. 18, 1864, (age 22) in Skafterup, Fyrendal.

Karen Marie Hansdatter – Sep. 29/30, 1844, in Skafterup, Fyrendal, Soroe, Denmark – Dec. 21, 1921, in Pleasant Grove, Utah, USA.

Morten Hansen – Apr. 1, 1846, in Skafterup, Fyrendal – Dec. 24/26, 1887, Richfield, Sevier County, Utah. Last record in Denmark: Census from 1860 where he lived with his mother and Karen Marie.

Stillborn – Apr. 23, 1851

Rasmus Hansen – Feb. 10, 1853, Skafterup – Feb. 17, 1853 (7 days) in Skafterup, Fyrendal. He was born 8 months after his father died.

Some of the websites give Hans Rasmussen and Mette Pedersdatter credit for additional children:

Carlson (1839 - ???), and **Ellen Christina Hansen (1840 – 1841)**, - I believe this is an error. **Anne/Ane Sofie Hansdatter** (Nov. 11, 1840 – May 18, 1864, age 22) is sometimes left out, too. It is just not possible for two more children to have been born between Ellen on May 12, 1839, and Anne/Ane Sofie on Nov. 11, 1840. Several censuses in Denmark reflect Hans, Mette, and their children, including that from 1840, with no mentioning of Carlson or Ellen Christina.

Note #1: Hans Hansen and Karen Marie Hansdatter were witnesses at my grandfather, Niels Peter Hansen's (son of Peder Hansen 1825 – 1896) christening on Mar. 20, 1867. Hans was documented as being a bachelor at this point in time. This is the last record of them in Denmark.

The journey to USA:

In 1871, Hans Hansen, Karen Marie Hansdatter, now Hansen (surname rules changed in Denmark in 1860), Morten Hansen, plus Hans' wife (Karen Marie Christiansen/Hansen) and two small children, oldest Minnie (Dorothea Wilhelmina Hansen) born Apr. 29, 1868; baby (Sophia Methea Hansen) born in January 1871, left home via Copenhagen, Hamburg, Germany, and England, for USA. While in England, Hans' wife, Karen Marie Christiansen and the baby Sofia Methea died from small pox. The baby approximately Jul. 31, 1871, and the wife on Aug. 15, 1871, in Norwich, Norfolk, England, or Over, Chstr., England, depending on website. It is documented, that the brothers, Hans and Morten, worked in Salt work for/in Northrup.

Therefore, it was Hans, Minnie, Karen Marie, and Morten, that arrived in Brooklyn, New York (Ellis Island?) in 1871/1872. On entry into the States, they changed their last name to Hanson, and Morten changed his first name to Martin. They had all converted to the LDS/Mormon Church before leaving Denmark. I have not been able to find what ship they sailed on or dates, but it wasn't one of the "Saints at Sea" ships.

Moving west, in 1871/1872 or so, they found work in Pittsfield, Warren County, in the NW corner of Pennsylvania where the brothers worked in a rock quarry "Daugst". Karen Marie found domestic work,

so she could take care of Minnie. While there, they met a young Danish man who worked at a butcher store – **Thomas Christian Larson – born Mar. 3, 1852**, in Studsberg, Gaerum, Hjoerring, Denmark. It was therefore Hans Hanson, Minnie Hanson, Karen Marie Hanson, Martin Hanson, and Thomas Christian Larson, that jumped the train and arrived in Lehi, Utah, in summer of 1873.

Thomas C. Larsen, age 20, had sailed on the ship Minnesota from Liverpool to New York 9/4/1872 – 9/16/1872. This was one of the “Saints at Sea” ships.

Thomas Christian Larson was baptized into the LDS/Mormon church in winter of 1873. They cut a hole in the ice for this baptism, so most likely in Nov. or Dec. He married Karen Marie on Mar. 9, 1874, in Endowment House in Salt Lake City. After getting married, Thomas Christian and Karen Marie lived for “a time” with relatives at American Fork. They and Martin worked for German Hans Brickmeyer up American Fork Canyon until Fall of 1874. Thereafter, they moved into the upper part of Spring Town (now Lindon), and filed on land there. The Mormon Church and Frank Banks took that land from them. Then they moved north some distance to Thomas Christian’s Uncle Hans Johnson’s place. In spring of 1877, they brought land from Neils Carlson, and later more land from Archibald. Here they build a permanent home.

They had 8 children:

Hansina Sophia Methea Larson (West) – Oct. 14, 1874, in Pleasant Grove – Apr. 15, 1938. Died American Fork; Buried in Pleasant Grove.

Thora Christina Larson – May. 12, 1876, in Pleasant Grove – Dec. 24, 1885, (age 9); Buried in Pleasant Grove.

Martha Marie Larson (Peterson) – Dec. 7, 1878, in Pleasant Grove – Sep. 22, 1964; Buried in Pleasant Grove.

Thomas Christian Larson – Mar. 2, 1880, in Pleasant Grove – Nov. 30, 1957, (age 77); Buried in Provo.

Camilla Louise Larson – Mar. 2, 1882, in Pleasant Grove – Sep. 26, 1955, (age 73) in Salt Lake City; Buried in Pleasant Grove.

George Washington Larson – Feb. 22, 1884, in Pleasant Grove – Feb. 28, 1969. Died In American Fork; Buried in Pleasant Grove.

Martin Magnus Larson – Jul. 11, 1885, in Pleasant Grove – Jan. 1, 1961, in Salt Lake City; Died SLC; Buried in Provo.

Maud Marie Larson (Green) – Nov. 19, 1887, in Pleasant Grove – Oct. 11, 1964; Buried in Pleasant Grove.

Thomas Christian Larson (the father) died in Dec. 8, 1915, and is buried in Pleasant Grove.

Karen Marie died Dec. 21, 1921, and is buried in Pleasant Grove City Cemetery. At her funeral, the 3 sons, 2 sons-in-law Martin Peterson (Martha) and Herman Green (Maud), plus a nephew, John (Jack) S. Peterson (son of Thomas Christian's sister who had died in 1910, and Karen Marie and Thomas Christian raised) were pallbearers.

John Shirley Peterson aka Jack aka Uncle Jack: Born Aug. 31, 1899, and died Aug. 28, 1942, in Salt Lake City. He is buried in Pleasant Grove, UT. He died from a kidney infection. He helped Karen Marie, Hansina, and Camilla, until their death, or his. He never married, and had no children.

Hans Hansen, Martin Hansen, and Minnie, in USA:

Hans Hansen, born Sep. 12, 1837, in Skafterup, Denmark. Very little, besides what has been mentioned above, is found. On a lot of the websites, he has been assigned incorrect parents – Hans Pedersen and Maren Hansdatter – and that may be part of the reason for the lack of data, or too much data. Also, the name Hans Hanson/Hansen is very common, even though most have a middle name, and this Hans did not.

We know he arrived in Lehi, Utah, in summer of 1873. Had a daughter Minnie (Dorothea Wilhelmina) born Apr. 29, 1868, and a sister, Karen Marie Hanson Larson, and a brother, Martin Hanson.

Only two places have information turning up – and the Hans Hansen may not be “our” Hans:

One of the Utah Pioneer Index: Hans Hansen, Martin Hansen, and Karen Marie Hansen are in V2. I believe that Minnie also is in there. I can't find this index again.

Land patterns: For Carbon County and Tooele County, in 1922, and 1916, respectively. The first made out to the Heirs of Hans Hansen, and the second to Hans Hansen. Hans Hanson was in Vernon, Utah.

Martin Hansen, Born Apr. 1, 1846, in Skafterup, Denmark: As with Hans, very little is found. However, from the Larson Family documentation, we know, he lived with his sister Karen Marie and family for some time. There is also a homestead record with the name of Martin Hansen in Pleasant Grove, Sep. 13, 1882, 160 acres, lot 1508. Found under Samuel Green's record (Maud's Father-in-law).

Martin homesteaded on land at the mouth of Battle Creek Canyon, beside Battle Creek, south of Pig Hollow. He later gave this land to Karen Marie, when Martin became a dentist.

Note: The name Battle Creek was changed to Pleasant Grove.

Died on Dec. 24/26, 1887, in Richfield, Sevier County. Buried at Richfield Cemetery, Richfield, Sevier County, UT.

Dorothea Wilhelmina Hansen/Hanson aka Minnie aka Dorothea Vilhelmina Ipson (Carlson Hansen): Born Apr. 29, 1868, in Foedselstiftelsen, Copenhagen, Denmark.

She is documented as being in Pleasant Grove, UT, in 1880, (at age 12), and Huntington, Emery County, UT, in 1890. (She was now married).

Daughter of Hans Hanson; she came with them from Denmark to USA. She was married at age 19 to George Ipson (1857 – Jul. 26, 1908), and had 8 children with him. After he died, she married James Washington Bradley (1868 – 1926), in 1914. On the application for the marriage certificate, she signed her name as Minnie Ipson. She died Dec, 12, 1958, in Salt Lake City, at age 90, and is buried in Huntington, Emery County, UT.

Tombstone reads: Dorothy Wilhelmina Hansen Ipson 4/28/1868 – 12/12/1958. Death Certificate reads: Dorothy W. Hansen Ipson Bradley, Born: Copenhagen, Denmark. Parents: Hans Hansen & Karen Marie Christiansen.

Minnie and Hans's life in Denmark will be a separate document.

Thomas Christian Larson's (1852 – 1915) Family:

The Larson and Hanson families are intertwined. This section will document the Larsons.

Parents:

Father: **Carl Ludwig Christian Larsen/Larson** – Born Aug. 10, 1826, in Trinitatis, Sokkelund, Copenhagen, Denmark. Died Jul. 21, 1908, in Pleasant Grove, Utah, at age 81. His mother died shortly after he was born. He was raised by his grandmother and father, Ib Larsen – born 1796, Roskilde), until they died when he was around 8. There was an older brother, Ib Wilhelm Theodor Ibsen – born 11/21/1823, but no additional information is found about him. Carl was sent to North Jutland by the orphanage to an older bachelor/widow, Lars Johanesen/Johansen Fink (documented as called Finkalar, but should most likely be Finkelars). The census from 1845 reflects Lars and Carl as being 51 and 19 respectively. Carl appears to have taken the surname of Larsen from Lars Johnson. The census from 1855 shows that Carl is married, the 2 sons - Lauritz and Thomas- have arrived, and that Lars (widow)now age 60 lived with them. Carl was in the military service for 2 years after Lauritz was born, and was first paid for it in 1907/1908 right before he died. The sum was \$25/DKR 100.

Mother: **Mette Marie Pedersdatter** – Born Aug. 26, 1829, in Taars, Boerglum, Denmark. Died Nov. 9, 1904, in Salt Lake City, UT.

They were married in Aasted, Denmark, in 1849. They are documented as having lived in Gaerum, Hjoerring, Denmark, for 10 years, Flade, Hjoerring, Denmark, in 1860 and Brovst, Oester Han.,Denmark, in 1870.

Carl (47), Mette Marie (44), and the 3 younger daughters Mine (Wilhelmine -8), Line (Ane Joergine – 4) and Sine (Ibsine - 3) left Copenhagen Denmark for Hull, England Aug. 29, 1873, on the ship Pacific, and sailed from Liverpool on Sep. 3, 1873, arrived in New York Sep. 19, 1873, on the Ship Wyoming. The 2 sons and Marie Sofie made their own way to Utah, USA. They - Carl, Mette Marie, and 3 girls - stayed with Hans Johnson (Uncle to Thomas Christian) for a while after they arrived in Utah.

Carl and Mette Marie had 12 children of which 6 lived to adulthood. These children were:

Lauritz Theodor (Louis) Larsen – (9/25/1849, in Gaerum, Hors, Hjoerring, Denmark – 8/27/1924, age 74, Salt Lake City, UT). I have not been able to find any shipping records for him. What we do know: He had 3 wives. Interesting tombstones for him and wives in Salt Lake City.

1. **Annie Balle Larsen** - Born 9/8/1860, Ephraim, Sante Pete, UT – 11/11/1932. They got married 4/11/1878, and had a daughter – Orrinda Loretta Petersen Carlsen Robinsen 10/11/1881 – 11/11/1898. They got divorced.
2. **Christine Marie Christensen** - Born Jerslev Sogn, Borglum, Hjoerring, Denmark in 1866. Died in 1915. Married in Nephi, Juab, UT, on 9/21/1885. They had 4 children: Lewis/Louis Theodor Larsen – 1886 in Spring City, Sanpete, UT – 1938, Charles Sebadis Larsen – 1886 – 1938, Franklin Larsen 6/9/1892 – 7/1/1892 (died at age 0), Leonard Larsen (1906 – 1906 – died at age 0).
3. **Zina Elizabeth Larsen (Crocheron)** – (7/23/1871 – 5/13/1938 – both in Salt Lake City). They married 3/11/1921, when Lauritz/Louis was 71. Zina had 4 husbands of which Lauritz was number 3.

Thomas Christian Larsen/Larson – Born Mar. 3, 1852, in Studsberg, Gaerum, Hjoerring, Denmark . Lived in Brovst, Oester Han., in 1870. He arrived in Utah in summer of 1873. Married Karen Marie Hanson in early 1874, had 8 children, and died in Pleasant Grove, UT, Dec. 8, 1915. Buried in Pleasant Grove. Immigrated to the USA on the ship Minnesota. Left Liverpool 9/4/1872 and arrived in New York 9/16/1872. That is, Thomas arrived in the USA about a year prior to his parents and 3 younger sisters.

Marie Sofie Larson – Jun. 2, 1856, in Flade, Hjoerring – Feb. 9, 1915, in Salt lake City, UT, at age 58. Buried in Cleveland Cemetery, Emery County, UT. She married **Christen Niels (Nielsen) Christensen** – (Born 9/19/1855, in Tygstrup, Vestervig, Thisted, Denmark ; died 5/30/1911, in Utah) on Sep. 1, 1873, in Salt Lake City. That is, before her family arrived. She was 17 and Christen was almost 18. She and Christen left for the USA on ship Wisconsin from Liverpool on 7/1/1873 and arriving in New York 7/15/1873. With them were Christen's family – Father: Niels (Neils) Christian Christensen (1820 – 1902), Mother: Anne Marie Jensen (1822 – 1898), Sister: Elise (Else) Christina Lucy Christensen (1859 – 1902). One Son: Jens Peter Andersen 1844 – nothing is found. Maybe he wasn't Niels Christian's son, with that name. Note: Christen was given a female name on the ship's records – Christiane N.

Marie Sofie was a midwife, and they had lots of children – 7 sons & 5 daughters - themselves. Only 6 lived to adulthood.

Homestead in Pleasant Grove under the name of Christen Christensen – May 10, 1884, 160 acres, lot 6168. A section of this shows the name Amasa West, 80 acres, on Feb. 13, 1899.

Wilhelmine Katrine Larson – Mar. 12, 1865, in Brovst – Feb. 24, 1907. Married on Jan. 1, 1890, to **Francis Oscar Carlson (1861 – 1897)**. Their children: George William Carlson (1884 – 1951), and Francis Oscar Carlson Jr. (1894 – 1965), Ingrid Elizabeth Carlson (1897 - ??). Wilhelmina married to Per Nelson (1867 - ??) on 9/5/1903, in Salt Lake City, and had one son, Norman Nelson (1904 – 1906).

Ane Joergine/Georgine Larson aka Aunt Annie – Jun. 19, 1866, in Brovst – Feb. 9, 1910, at age 43, in Salt Lake City. Also buried there. Married on Dec. 18, 1988, in Salt Lake City to **Christen Pedersen/Petersen**.

Their children were: Charles Franklin Peterson (1886 – 1950), Christian Marion Peterson (1889 – 1932), Mette Marie Peterson (1891 – 1928), Annie Augusta Peterson (1893 – 1949), Anselitius Martinus (1895 – 1956), **John S. (Jack) Peterson** (Aug. 31, 1899 – Aug. 28, 1942 in Salt Lake City, Buried Pleasant Grove), Mary Elvira Peterson - (1904 – 1976).

Two of the girls - Mette Marie and Mary - married and moved to California. They are both buried in Forest Lawn, Glendale, Calif. One lived in Eagle Rock; the other in Glendale.

John/Jack was taken in by Thomas Christian and Karen Marie when Annie (mother) died. Jack was 11. He became a plumber, and heating/air conditioning expert. Must have been one of the first, since he died in 1942.

Ibsine Caroline Larson – Nov. 1, 1868, in Brovst – Feb. 14, 1923, In Salt Lake City, age 54, also buried there. Married to **Nicholas Knouf** (1859 – 1927), on Oct. 21, 1905, in Sunnyside, Carbon County, UT. No children are documented. Nicholas had previously been married to Hanne Boline Baltzerson (1872 – 1903), with whom he had 3 children: Dorothy Ann Knouf (1899 – 1981), Carl Lind Knouf (1901 – 1987), and Eva Knouf (1903 – 1992).