

The Posterity of Hans Christensen and Johanna Marie Poulson

John Christensen, the eldest child of Hans Christensen and Johanna Marie Poulson, was born 2 November 1863 at Milton in Morgan County, Utah. At the age of nine he moved with his parents to Richfield in Sevier County, Utah. As a young man John worked with his father on the farm and also learned to be a blacksmith. In the year 1887, John opened his own blacksmith shop which soon developed into a hardware supply store. In 1888 he established the firm called Richfield Hardware Co. A few years later John served a church mission to Iowa from 1891 to 1893.

At the age of thirty-four years, John married **Francetty Butler**, called "Zettie," on 21 July 1898 in the Manti Temple. She was born on 7 April 1876 at Panguitch, Garfield County, Utah, the daughter of John Lowe Butler II and his wife Nancy Franzetta Smith. John and Zettie resided in the Third Ward area of Richfield.

In 1904, John moved his hardware store to an enlarged building and renamed it the John Christensen Co. John's younger brothers worked for periods of time in the store, and operated it while John served a second mission for the church. He served in the Northern States from 1904 to 1906. John's brother Chris remained at the hardware store during his own working career. Later, when John's sons came into the store, it became known as Christensen Hardware.

Besides the hardware store, John was also active in other enterprises. He and Zettie acquired the "Anona," an enclosed dance floor in Richfield, where people from the community came to dance, and which they later donated to the Sevier Stake. John served as President of the First State Bank of Sevier from 1917 until his decease. John also owned a 160 acre ranch southeast of Richfield, which included a fishing pond and wild berry bushes. John and his family were active in the church. John served as the second counselor in the Sevier Stake Presidency for nineteen years. Zettie was an excellent homemaker and seamstress. John died 15 June 1930 at Cedar City, Utah, where he had been taken for cancer treatments. Zettie died 27 September 1959 at Richfield. Both John and Zettie were buried in the Richfield Cemetery. John and Zettie had eight children, all born in Richfield. Their children and grandchildren are:

- (1) **Erma Christensen**, born on 14 May 1899. She was an excellent seamstress like her mother. Before her marriage Erma taught homemaking and sewing in the Richfield High School and Weber High School. She met **Alfred Wendell Osmond** in Salt Lake City. He was in the process of studying law in Washington, D. C. Erma traveled back to Washington, D. C., where they were married 12th June 1930. Wendell was born 24 April 1898 at Paris, Bear Lake County, Idaho, the son of Alfred Osmond and Annie Elizabeth Lloyd. Erma and Wendell resided for a time in Washington, D. C., where Wendell continued his law study. During the 1940s they returned to Utah and settled in the Sugar House area of Salt Lake City. Their marriage was sealed in the Salt Lake Temple on 26 January 1942. Wendell worked in the real estate business in Salt Lake. Erma taught at the blind school and at other Salt Lake schools from time to time. They were both active in the church. Erma died 7 December 1982, and Wendell died 10 December 1986, both in Salt Lake City. They were both buried in Wasatch Lawn Cemetery in Salt Lake City. Their three children are:
 - (a) **Eileen Osmond**, born 4 August 1931 in Washington, D.C. She graduated from the University of Utah, and taught English. She also toured and studied in Europe. On 12 August 1961 in Paris, France, Eileen married **Frederick Savdie**. They resided in France, had two sons, and were divorced in 1979. Eileen continues to live and work in Paris.
 - (b) **John Douglas Osmond**, born 31 August 1933 in Washington, D.C. He graduated from the University of Utah, and fulfilled a mission in the California Mission. On 18 September 1958, he married **Karen Christiansen** in the Salt Lake Temple. She was a native of Aalborg, Denmark. Doug and Karen settled in the Salt Lake area, first in Granger and later in Sandy. Doug was a school teacher, a nursing home recreation

therapist, and an escort monitor for Russians. He is currently retired. Doug and Karen are active in church and have three children.

- (c) **Geraldine Osmond**, born 20 April 1935 in Washington, D.C. She graduated from the University of Utah, and taught English. She toured and studied in Europe. On 4 July 1964 in Rome, Italy, she married **Gary Allen Weiss**, a serviceman from Fort Wayne, Indiana. They currently live in Fort Wayne, and have three sons.
- (2) **Omar John Christensen**, born 8 November 1901. After his father's decease in 1930, Omar operated the Annabella Road ranch for a time. Omar moved to Salt Lake City for a time and graduated from the LDS Institute. Omar married first **Velta Sevy** on 18 April 1929 in Salt Lake City. She was born 14 May 1907 in Panguitch, Utah, the daughter of John L. Sevy Jr. and Mariah Houston. Omar and Velta resided in Richfield, where Omar worked for a time with the Utah Oil Company, and then with his brother Dan took over the management of the Christensen Hardware Store until it was sold. Omar and Velta had one daughter, and were later divorced. On 22 June 1946, Omar married secondly Mrs. **Julia Weber Chaffin** at Annabella, Utah. They continued to live in Richfield. Julia died 25 September 1970 and was buried in Richfield. Velta moved to Palmdale, California, to be with her daughter. Velta died on 20 May 1980 at Norwalk, California, and was buried at Palmdale. A few years later Omar went to Palmdale to live with his daughter. Omar died 16 July 1997 at Lancaster, California, and was buried in Richfield. The one daughter of Omar is:
- (a) **Jo Anne Christensen**, born 21 September 1929 in Salina, Utah. On 16th October 1947 at Pasadena, California, she married first **Franklin David Gentry**. They had one daughter, and were divorced. On 4 February 1950 at Las Vegas, Nevada, Jo Anne married secondly **Darrell Lewis Money**. They lived in Palmdale, California, and had one son. Darrell died 14 September 1998 at Palmdale. Jo Anne continues to live at Palmdale.
- (3) **Don Butler Christensen**, born 6 March 1904, and died one month later on 7 April 1904 at Richfield. He was buried in the Richfield Cemetery.
- (4) **Arlo L. Christensen**, born on 10 July 1905 in Richfield. He fulfilled a mission in the Netherlands. Arlo married **Maxine Nielson** on 20 July 1934 in the Manti Temple. She was born 1 January 1915 in Panguitch, Utah, the daughter of Amos L. Nielson and Annie Rickenbach. Arlo and Maxine resided for a time in Richfield, where they participated in church, and operated a cafe. In 1951 they moved to San Fernando Valley, California. They resided at Pacoima and Grenada Hills. Arlo worked for Bush's stationery store, and became manager of their Grenada Hills store. Maxine worked for the Broadway stores. Maxine died 8 April 1985, and Arlo died 27 December 1988, both in Granada Hills. They were buried in the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Hollywood Hills. Their four children, all born in Richfield, are:
- (a) **Anna Lee Christensen**, born 14 July 1940. In July 1970 at Sepulveda, California, she married **Barry Byrd James Smith**. They lived in Hawaii, and were divorced in 1973. Anna Lee moved back to Los Angeles, and worked as manager and buyer of three retail stores. She later became a merchandiser for a lingerie manufacturer, and was assigned to Hawaii. In 1991, Anna Lee returned to Hawaii, and is happily living at Kailua.
 - (b) **Lynn Christensen**, a daughter born 29 May 1943. In the month of June 1961 at Sepulveda, California, she married **Nelson Lee Culp Jr.** They resided in North Hollywood, had two daughters, and were divorced in 1966. Five years later at Las Vegas, Lynn married secondly **Andrew Franklin Geist** who adopted Lynn's two daughters. Lynn and Andrew also had one daughter, and were divorced in 1975. Lynn

married thirdly **Donald Keith Horton** in 1991. They resided in California and later in Georgia. They enjoy traveling the country in their motor home.

(c) **John A. Christensen**, born 14 December 1944. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War, following which he was employed by Flying Tiger then Federal Express. John remains unmarried and lives in Los Angeles.

(d) **LaRae Christensen**, born 20 September 1946. In the year 1965 at Culver City, California, she married **James Roscoe Smith IV**. They lived in Los Angeles and Ventura, California, had two sons, and were divorced. In 1973 at Sepulveda, LaRae married secondly **John Randolph Jensen** who adopted her two sons. LaRae and John moved to Oregon and were later divorced. LaRae is very creative and had at one time her own fashion design company. She is an excellent artist and lives in Ashland, Oregon.

(5) **Dan Smith Christensen**, born 14 July 1908 in Richfield. Dan served a mission in the Australian Mission, being assigned much of the time in Tasmania. Dan graduated from Brigham Young Academy, and learned to play the saxophone. He served in the U. S. Army in the clerical department and also in the Army band. On 6th May 1961 at Annabella, Utah, Dan married **Lois Roberts**. She was born on 3 June 1926 at Annabella, the daughter of Herbert Franklin Roberts and Martha Rosetta Davis. Dan and Lois were sealed in the Manti Temple on 8 April 1975. Dan and Lois lived in Richfield, where Dan worked in his father's hardware store. After his father's decease, Dan and his brother Omar purchased and managed the store. Dan later purchased Omar's share, and operated the store until he sold the store and retired. Dan and Lois served in various capacities in the church. Dan served as a counselor in his ward bishopric. Dan and Lois continue to reside in Richfield. Their son is:

(a) **Dan Gary Christensen**, born 8 April 1962 in Richfield. Gary served a mission in Vine' del Mar Chile Mission. He attended BYU, where he met **Elizabeth Gwynn** of New York. They were married on 26 July 1984 in the Washington, D.C. Temple. Gary and Elizabeth both graduated from BYU. Gary also graduated from the BYU Law School. They afterward moved to Portland, Oregon, where Gary is currently employed as a litigation attorney in construction law. Gary and Elizabeth are active in the church, and have three adopted children.

(6) **Beth Christensen**, born on 12 September 1910. Beth was an excellent typist, and in 1927 represented the state of Utah in the national typewriting contest. Beth went east to help her sister Erma in Washington, D. C. On 18 October 1935 at Washington, D. C., Beth married **Kenneth Riley Judd**. A few months later on 18 August 1936 they were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. Kenneth was born 1 May 1909 in Tooele, Utah, the son of George Riley Judd and Grace Belle Huntington. Kenneth had fulfilled a mission to Holland, and was working as an accountant in Washington, D. C. Beth and Kenneth resided in Arlington, Virginia, where they both worked for the federal government in Washington, D. C., Beth as a secretary, and Kenneth as an accountant and budget analyst. Kenneth also served during World War II in the Army Airforce budget department. Beth and Kenneth were active in church. Kenneth died 3 August 1958 at Arlington, Virginia. Beth worked for a time in the Washington D. C. Temple. She remained in the Washington, D.C. area until 1995 when she moved to Salt Lake City. Beth died there on 19 November 1997. Both Kenneth and Beth were interred in the Wasatch Lawn Cemetery in Salt Lake City. Their two children are:

(a) **Kenneth Riley Judd Jr.**, born on 25th September 1947 in Washington, D. C. He fulfilled a mission in the SouthWest British Mission. On 2 February 1970 in the Salt Lake Temple he married **Erin Child**. They resided for a time in Provo, Utah, where they both graduated from BYU. Afterwards they worked in Washington, D. C. for a time then

returned to Utah. Ken is an independent accountant in Salt Lake. Ken and Erin live in Sandy, are active in church, and have four children.

- (b) **Kathryn Beth Judd**, born 3 November 1953 in Washington, D.C. She graduated from William and Mary College at Williamsburg, Virginia. On 16th May 1987 at Arlington, Virginia, Kathryn married **Ralph Douglas Greco**. Douglas is an attorney and works in the legal and financial department of Airbus. Kathryn and Douglas reside in Alexandria, Virginia, and have two children.

- (7) **Laurel Christensen**, born 22 December 1912. At age eleven, Laurel was called as the ward primary organist. She continued playing for church and civic organizations for many years. She married **Howard Leon Hansen** on 6 September 1932 at Kanab, Utah. Two years later they were sealed on 4 January 1935 in the Manti Temple. Howard was born 12 November 1910 in Richfield, the son of Abraham Hansen and Effie Sorensen. Laurel and Howard lived in Richfield. Howard was a farmer and stockman, and raised sheep and cattle. At one time he also owned the Ford Garage in Price, Utah. Laurel raised their family and worked in the hardware store, the state extension service, and in the office for the forest service. She also served as deputy treasurer of Richfield City. Laurel is an avid genealogist, and served many years as ward genealogy consultant and instructor. Howard died on 31 July 1995 at Provo, Utah, and was buried in the Richfield City Cemetery. Laurel continues to live in Richfield. The two sons of Laurel and Howard Hansen are:

- (a) **Kenneth Lee Hansen**, born 21 May 1942 in Richfield. Ken became a skilled machinist, and worked for a time at Hill Air Force Base, and later with government contractors. He also served in the Army Reserve. On 30 May 1964 at Bountiful, Utah, Ken married **Carol Jean Pickett**. They resided in Bountiful, had two sons, and were divorced. Ken married secondly **Shirley Dawn Bean**. They were divorced in the year 1983. Ken married thirdly Mrs. **Linda Kay Taylor Abarr** in 1988 at Bountiful. They presently reside in Bountiful. Ken is now retired.
- (b) **Roger Kay Hansen**, born 7 March 1945 in Richfield. He attended the University of Utah on a Sears scholarship and graduated with an M.B.A. degree. He served in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War, and spent time in Vietnam. On 4 June 1966 at Henderson, Nevada, Roger married **Brenda Julene Williams**. They were later divorced. Roger married secondly Mrs. **Gayla Wilson Melonas** on 29 April 1977 at Las Vegas. They were later divorced. Roger resides in Las Vegas, where he is in the management of a bank. He has no children.

- (8) **Mae Christensen**, born 28 December 1914. She married **Stephen Love Dunford** on 4 September 1938 in the Salt Lake Temple. Stephen was born on 25 July 1912 in Salt Lake City, the son of Carlos LeRoy Dunford and Eleanor Hazel Love. Stephen had served a mission in the British Mission, and was assigned in Ireland. Stephen and Mae resided in Salt Lake City, where Stephen was President of the Dunford Bakery Company. Stephen was also an excellent golfer, and was well known in golf circles. He served fourteen years as president of the Utah Golf Association. Stephen died 10 July 1969 in Salt Lake and was buried in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. Mae resides still in Salt Lake City. Their seven children, all born in Salt Lake City, are:

- (a) **Larry Stephen Dunford**, born 30 June 1940. On 13 April 1963 in Salt Lake City he married **Janice Susan Lyman**. They live in Salt Lake City, where Larry is a real estate appraiser. They have one daughter.
- (b) **Craig C. Dunford**, born 22 May 1942. He graduated from the University of Utah. On 31 January 1970 in Salt Lake City, Craig married **Miriam Manson**, called "Mitzie." They live in Salt Lake City, and have two children. Craig worked for a short time in the Dunford bakery, then was employed at Westco Products, and is now employed with Honeyville Grain Inc.

- (c) **Jayne Dunford**, born 24 September 1944. On 24 April 1976 in Los Angeles, California, she married **Robert James Bowman Jr.** They lived in Los Angeles, and were divorced. On 23 June 1996, Jayne married secondly **Stephen James Lovell** at Kalahuipua, Kalawai, Hawaii. They have two homes, living in Hawaii in the winter and in Eugene, Oregon, in the summer. Jayne has no children.
- (d) **Kay Dunford**, a daughter born 17 September 1945. On 16 May 1966 in the Salt Lake Temple she married **David Emanuel Thomas**. David had served a mission in the North British Mission. Following their marriage, David was drafted into the military, and served in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War. David now owns a real estate brokerage and voicemail and paging company. Kay and David reside in North Salt Lake, are active in church, and have three children.
- (e) **James Clark Dunford**, called "Jim," born 23 June 1949. On 21st August 1969 in Salt Lake City he married **Sharron Lee McCune**. Jim attended college for a time in California. He and Sharron reside in Los Angeles, and have two children. Jim is an independent key grip contractor in the movie industry.
- (f) **Steven Mark Dunford**, born 24 December 1953. On 3 February 1974 at Bellevue, Washington, he married **Robyn Arlette Goff**. They were later divorced. Mark lives in Everett, Washington, where he manages the bakery in a Safeway store. He has no children.
- (g) **Christopher Richard Dunford**, born 14 July 1957. He remains unmarried and lives in Salt Lake, where he is a carpet layer and a great help to his mother.

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