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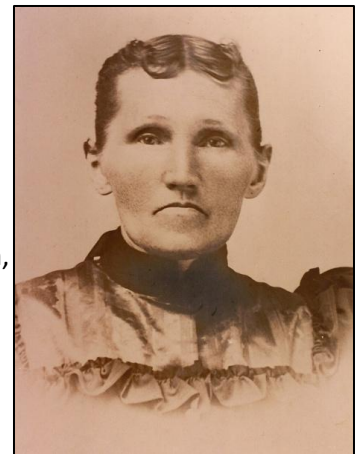
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“Much of the information on the Christenson family was gathered by Eric Christenson who spent many years researching the Christenson name. I first made acquaintance with Eric in 1999 through his family in Griffith, IN. Eric was living in Atlanta and we communicated frequently via phone and emails. In December 1999 Roslynn and I were traveling through Atlanta on our way to Florida to visit our son and his family. We stayed at Eric’s home in Atlanta on our way down and this became a yearly event for many years until Eric passed away. He was a great guy and a great friend and will be missed by all who knew him.”

The Christenson story starts with Niels Larson Christensen who was born in 1777 in Denmark, and died sometime after 1845 in Denmark. He married Mette Nielsdatter. She was born about 1796 in Denmark, and also died in Denmark. Their children included:

- Marie Christendatter, born June 21, 1842 in Jerslev S., Hjørring Amt., Denmark, died February 28, 1921 in the USA?
- Ane Sine Christendatter, born February 7, 1844 in Jerslev S., Hjørring Amt., Denmark, died unknown. She married Nels Francen and was baptized April 21, 1844 in the church Jerslev Sogn, Hjørring Amt., Denmark.
- Niels Peter Christensen, was born September 2, 1845 in Wantmosen, Jerslev Sogn, Hjørring Amt., Denmark, and died June 1, 1902 and is buried in Ross Township, Lake County Indiana.
- Petrine Marie Christendatter was born July 10, 1846 in Wantmosen, Jerslev S. Hjørring Amt., Denmark, and died in 1930.
- Martine Christine Christensdatter, was born September 8, 1849 in Wantmosen Jerslev S., Hjørring Amt., Denmark. She died in 1934 in Lake Township, Newton County Indiana and is buried in the Lake Village cemetery.
- Hans Chris Christensen, was born 1855.
- Julius Christenson, was born 1857.
- Serra Christensdatter, was born 1858.

Niels Peter Christensen (*Christen Nielsen, Niels Larsen*) was born September 2, 1845 in Wantmosen, Jerslev Sogn, Hjørring Amt., Denmark, and died June 1, 1902 in Ross Twp., Lake County, IN. Niels left Copenhagen, Denmark aboard the ship “Indirekte” and arrived in Detroit, Michigan June 10, 1872. His parents and all his brothers and sisters came in 1875 except Christena who came in 1876. Niels was baptized on September 8, 1845 at home in Wantmosen, Jerslev Sogn, Hjørring Amt., Denmark. He married Eliza Ann Butts in 1876. Eliza was born IN on October 10, 1865 in Griffith, IN and died February 20, 1941 in Griffith, IN of heart disease.



Christena Christenson



Niels & Eliza Christenson

Martine Christine Christensdatter (Our Great Grandmother) was born September 8, 1849 in Wantmosen, Jerslev S., Hjørring Amt., Denmark; She was baptized on December 27, 1849 in the church Jerslev Sogn, Hjørring Amt., Denmark and died in 1934 in Lake Village, IN. She married Soren Kristian Frederik Sorenson, in 1869 in Denmark. Soren was the son of Julius Sorensen and Karen Ingvarsdr. Soren and Christena left Denmark on July 7, 1876 from Alborg). Soren died on August 21, 1916 in Lake Village, IN and is buried in the Lake Village Cemetery.

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Children on Soren and Christena were:

- Josephine Mary Sorenson born March 12, 1885, in Lake Village, IN; she Died on July 10, 1969, Lake Village, IN and is buried in the Lake Village Cemetery next to her husband William and her son Chet.
- Walter Sorenson, born January 05, 1870, Hjorring, Denmark He came to America in 1880). Walter died on July 24, 1953 and is buried in the Lake Village Cemetery.
- Oscar Christian Sorenson was born April 22, 1873, in Jutland, Denmark. he died April 13, 1958, in Seduc Alberta, Canada.
- Caroline "Fredricka" Sorenson was born in 1876; and died in 1963, she is buried in the Momence Cemetery.
- Rika Sorenson was born and died in in 1875 Denmark as a young girl.
- Edward Sorenson was born in February 1877, in Lake Village, IN; and died on February 22, 1964. He is buried in the Lake Village, IN cemetery.
- Tenus Sorenson was born on July 1879, in Lake Village, IN and died on January 1969, in Alberta, Canada.
- Emory Sorenson was born in 1881, in Lake Village, IN and died in 1951, in Momence, IL and is buried in the Momence Cemetery.
- Joseph Sorenson was born in 1882, in Lake Village, IN and died on November 12, 1887, in lake Village, IN at the age of 5 yr. 10 mo. 10 days. He is buried in the Lake Village, IN cemetery.
- Lyence Sorenson was born in 1883 in Lake Village, IN; and died on October 08, 1888, at 5 yr. 10 mo. 26 days. He is buried in the Lake Village Cemetery.
- Effie Sorenson was born in 1887 in Lake Village, IN and died on May 25, 1966. She is buried in the Memory Gardens cemetery in Kankakee, IL.
- Lancy Sorenson was born on April 13, 1889 in Lake Village, IN and died on March 01, 1988, in Lake Village, -IN. Lancy married Hulda Hildebrand (Girlie) who died in 1972 and buried next to Lancy.
- Nora Sorenson was born on July 13, 1892, in Lake Village, IN; and died on October 13, 1972 in Momence, IL.



Soren & Christena Sorenson

After arriving in America, Niels Christensen went to NW Indiana and met and married Aliza Ann Butts (*Eric Christenson mentioned in my opening remarks came from this line of Christensons*). Niels and Aliza Had the following children; Victoria Irene Christenson, Frank Christenson, Julia Isabelle Christenson,, Frank Peter Christenson, Christina Eliza Christenson, Mary Christenson, John Henry Christenson, Mary Amelia Christenson, and Martha Ellen Christenson.

Petrine Marie Christensdatter (*Christen Nielsen, Niels Larsen*) was born July 10, 1846 in Wantmosen, Jerslev S., Hjorring Amt., Denmark and she died in 1930 and is buried in the in Lake Village, IN cemetery. She was baptized November 21, 1847 in the church, Jerslev Sogn, Hjorring A., Denmark. She married Martin Madison who was born in 1844 and died 1925 and is buried in the Lake Village, IN cemetery. Children of Petrine and Martin were George Madison, Everett Madison and Fred Madison. This is the Madison leg which stayed in the Lake Village, IN area. Martin owned a farm adjacent to Thomas Boyd's farm and to the East. The old house stood vacant for many years and became the "haunted house" to many of the Boyd cousins who explored it.

Marie Christensdatter (*Christen Nielsen, Niels Larsen*) was born June 21 1842 in Jerslev S., Hjorring Amt., Denmark, and died February 28, 1921 in USA? She was baptized December 11, 1842 in the church, Jerslev Sogn, Hjorring, Denmark. She married Samuel Hanson in Lake Village. Samuel was born January 3, 1837, and died December 13, 1910.

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Children of Children of Marie Christensdatter and Samuel Hanson were H.P.Hanson, Tina Hanson, Marines Hanson, Matilda Hanson, Jims Christian Hanson, Karveline Hanson, Christine Hanson, Anna Hanson, Ina Hanson, and Charles Hanson. Most of the Hansons stayed in the Lake Village, IN area.

Julius Christenson was born April 1857 in Denmark, and died September 05, 1940 in Lake Village and is buried in the LV Cemetery. He married Mary Ebert. She was born May 24, 1858 in Germany, and died September 05, 1924 and is buried in the Lake Village Cemetery. The children of Julius and Mary were Ervy Christenson and George Christenson. Ervy and George owned many businesses in the Lake Village area including the auto dealership, IH (*Farmall*) farm equipment dealership, and a grocery store to name a few.



Dutch (left) & Ervy Christenson (right)

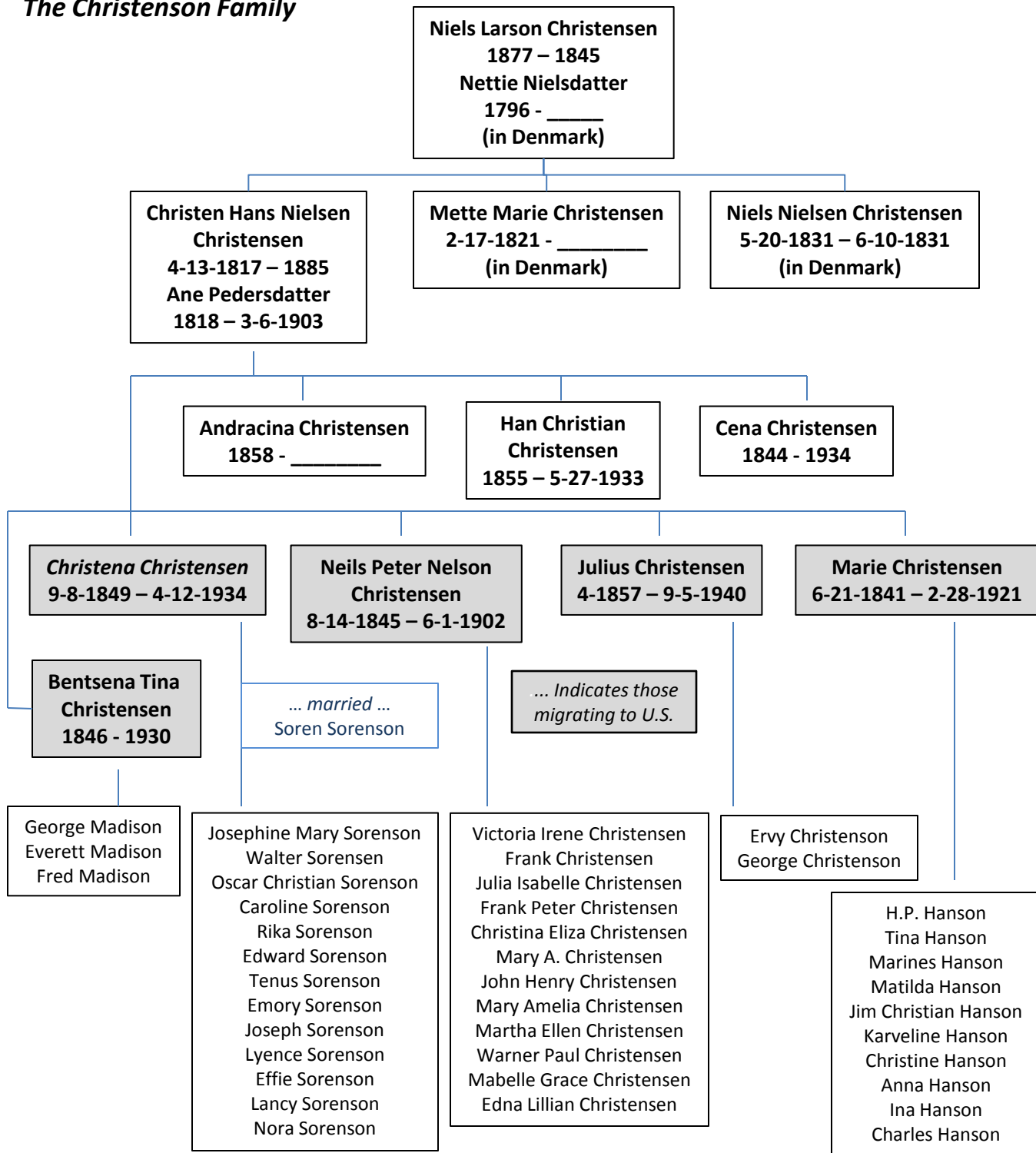


Ervy, Minnie Christenson with Margaret (Ludwig)



George & Ervy Christenson's Auto Dealership – Lake Village, Indiana

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Lake Village
School

Julius

> son - George

> son - Gilbert G. (*Dutch*) Sr.

> son - Gilbert G. Christenson Jr.
(born 1939)



Niels Peter Christenson Family



Ervy & Minnie Christenson



Niels Peter Christenson
(in his Danish Army uniform)

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LAKE VILLAGE Cemetery

(Center Section)

- 1 C 1a (CHRISTENSON), Julius 1857 1940
- b (CHRISTENSON), Mary E. 1848 {5 Sep}1924
- 1 C 22a CHRISTENSON, George 1880 1952
- b Emma 1882 1944
- c CHRISTENSON, Gilbert G. Sr. {4 May}1904 {21 May}1990 "Dutch" * Md 26 Nov 1930
- 1 C No23a CHRISTENSON, Ervy 1889 {28 Dec}1978
- b Minnie {Thompson} 1891 1961
- 2 C 2c CHRISTENSON, H.C. 1855 {27 May}1933 Owner-Julius Christenson
- d SORENSON, Edward 1877 1964
- 2 C 21a SORENSEN, Soren 1846 1916
- b Christena {Christenson} 1850 1934 His Wife {M/N-Christenson}
- c SORENSON, Lancy {13 Apr}1889 {31 Mar}1988 (P of H Grange)
- d Hulda H{ildebrand} 1888 1972
- 4 C So63c SORENSON, Bessie M. 1904 1975
- D SORENSON, Basil V. 1902 1955
- 4 C 70a SORENSEN, Walter 1870 1953
- b Emma 1872 1955
- 10 C 79d CHRISTENSON, Ella Winona Fulleton 1900 1993 Wife of Harry
- CHRISTENSON, Harry M. 1901
- Mabel A. 1904 1960

- CHRISTENSON, Lori Marie 1977 1977

LAKE VILLAGE Cemetery

(North Section)

- 2 NE CHRISTENSON, Chris 1820 1882
- Mari 1820 {6 Mar}1903
- Children: CHRISTENSON, Pete (1840-) - Wife Mary
- HANSON, Mary (1842-1921) - Husband Samuel
- FRANSEN, Ancena (1844-1934) - Husband Nicls
- MADSEN, Petrena (1846-1930) - Husband Marten
- LARSEN, Anpracin (1848-) - Husband Chris
- SORENSON, Christena (1850-1934) - Husband Soren
- CHRISTENSON, Chris (1855-1933)
- CHRISTENSON, Julins (1857-1945) - Wife Mary
- 6 NE C d CHRISTENSEN, Anna E. 16 Jul 1888 27 Jan 1910 Wife of E.C. {M/N - Rainford}
- CHRISTENSEN, E.C. {1 Apr}1881 {10 Nov}1922
- 14 NE C a CHRISTENSEN, William T. 1892 1960
- CHRISTENSEN, Christen 1865 {29 Mar}1909
- Christena 1862 1928