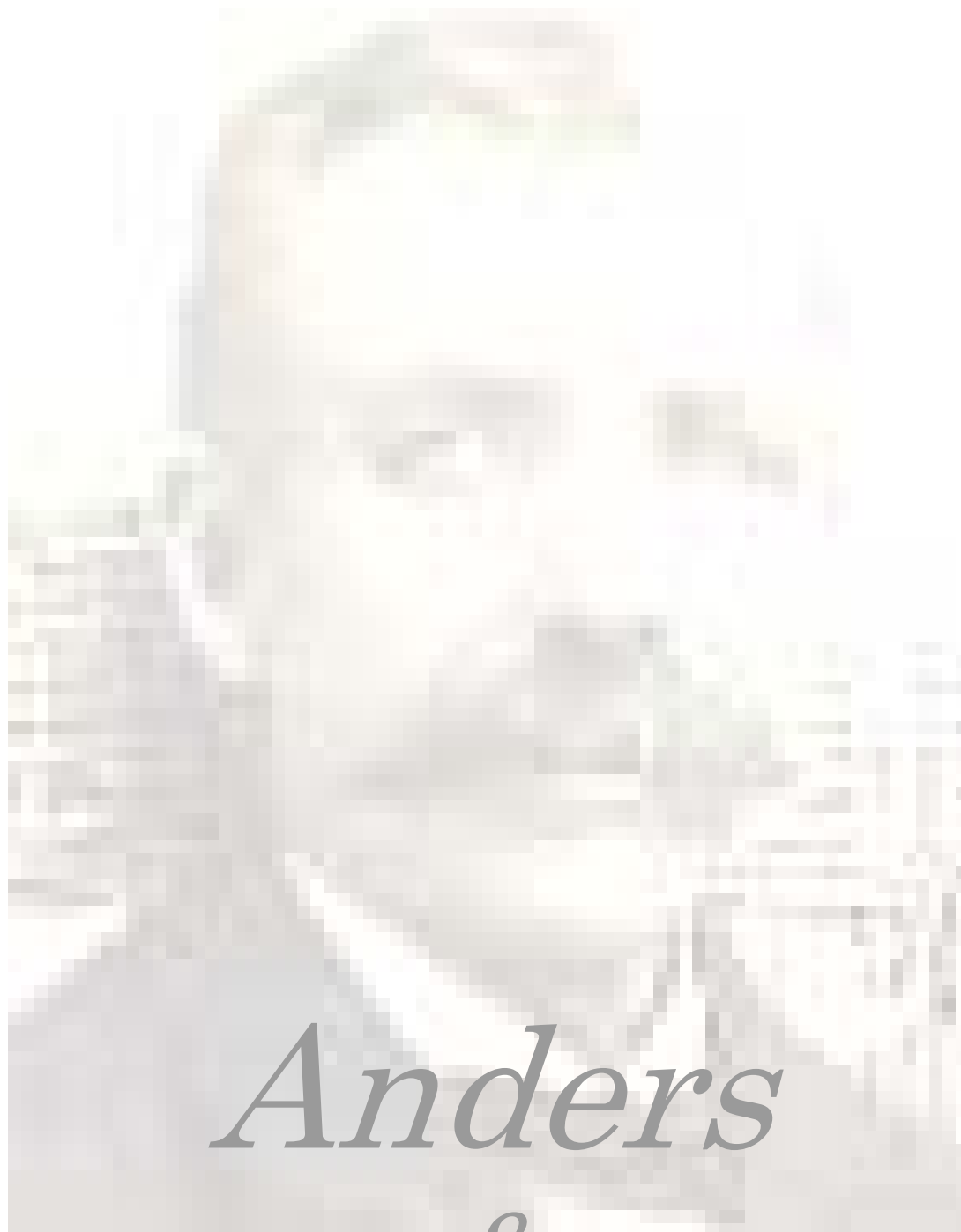


Part 1



Anders & Ane

Anders Sorensen, born 28 Oct 1856, in Viskinge, Holbaek amt, Denmark to unskilled labourer and smallholder Soren Nielsen (1808-1859) and wife Marie Lisbeth Christensdatter (1824-?). Baptized 22 Nov 1856 in Viskinge church, Skippinge district. Anders had 5 siblings, 3 died as babies. Furthermore he had 6 ½ siblings as a result of his father's relationships and a prior marriage.

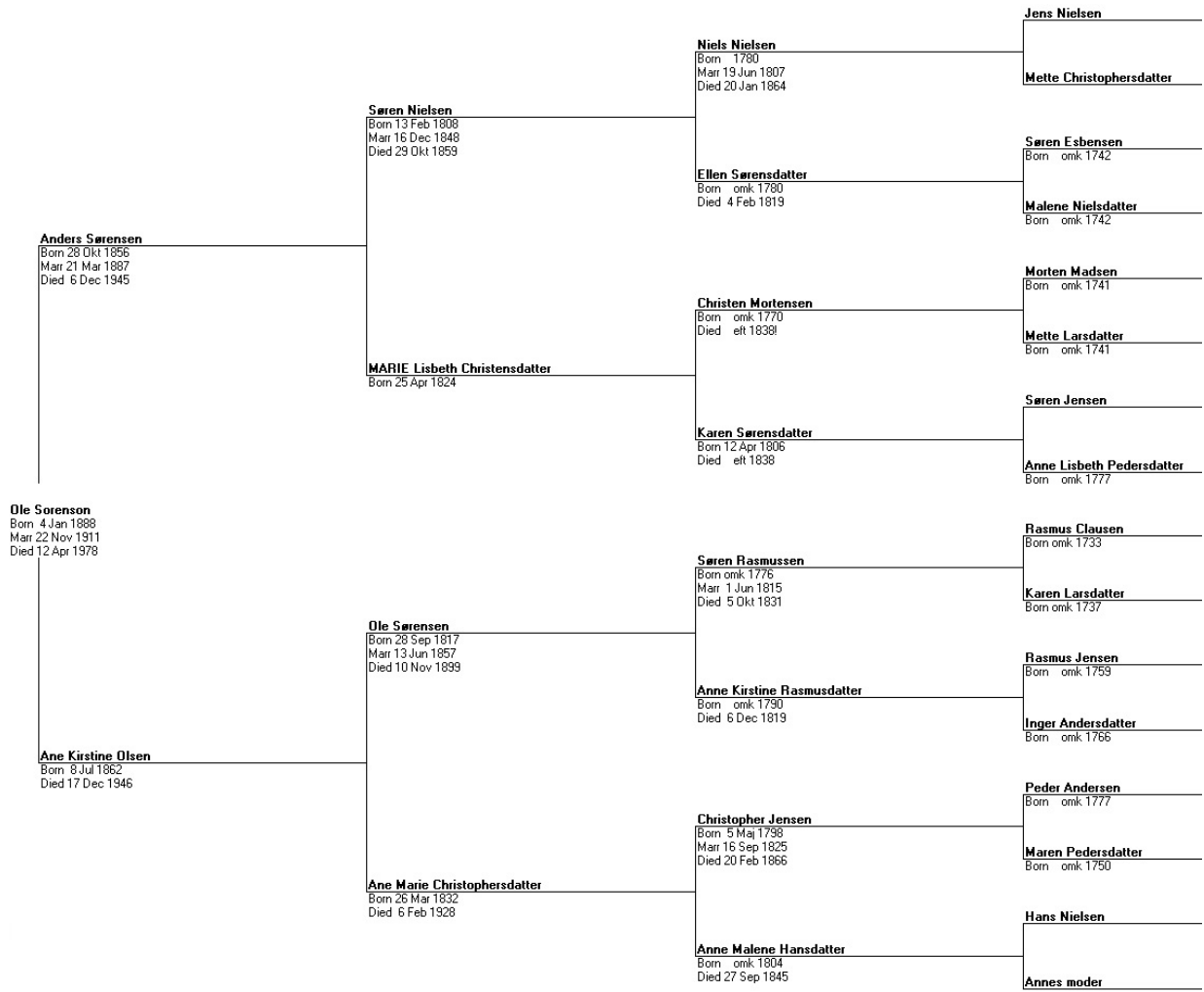
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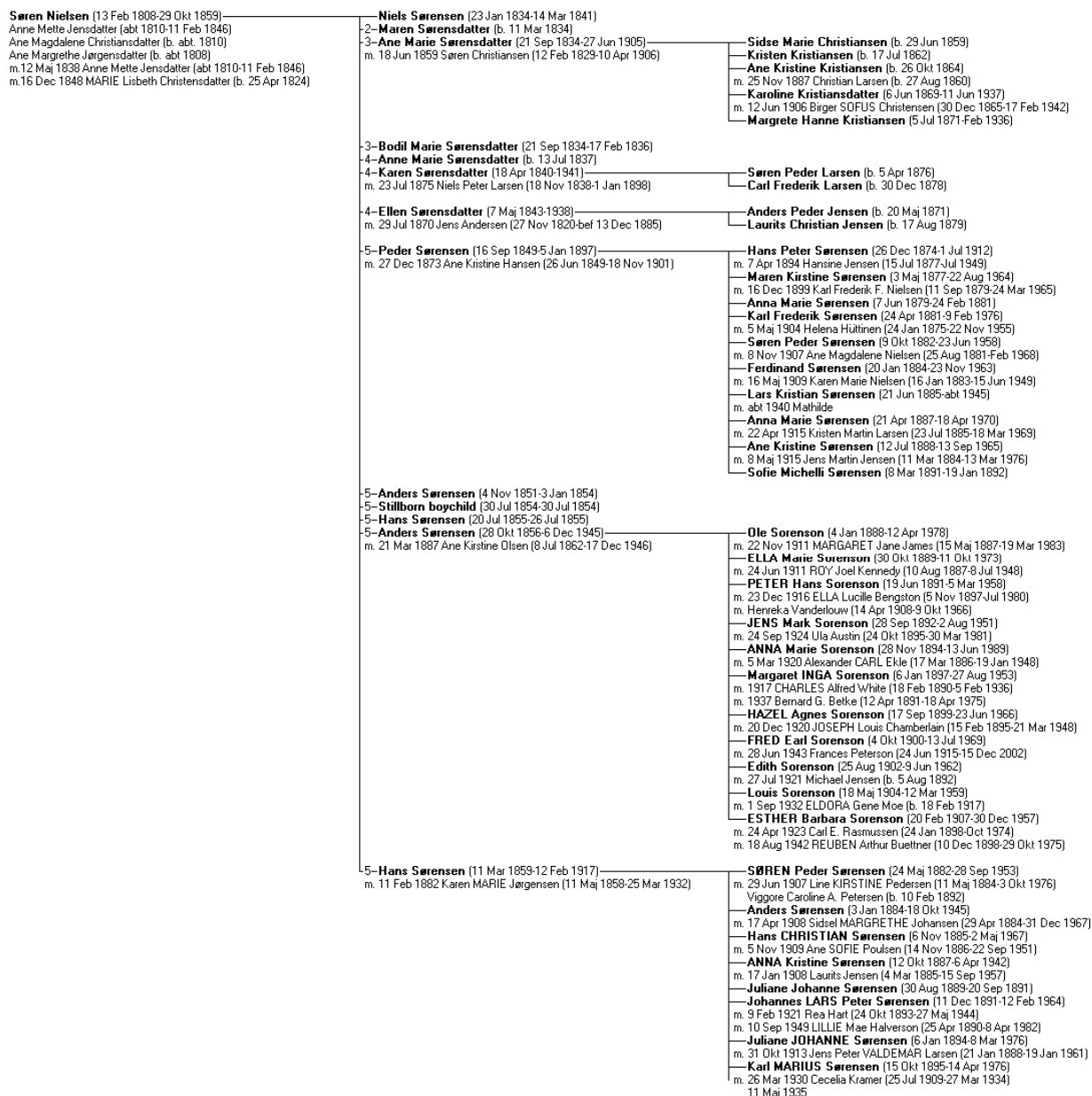
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Anders



Anders's and Ane's ancestors



Anders's closest relatives

Descendants of: Anders Sørensen

	Descendants	Spouses
Generation 1	1	1
Generation 2	11	14
Generation 3	32	42
Generation 4	76	81
Generation 5	115	51
Generation 6	55	0
Totals	290	189

Number of descendants pr. generation

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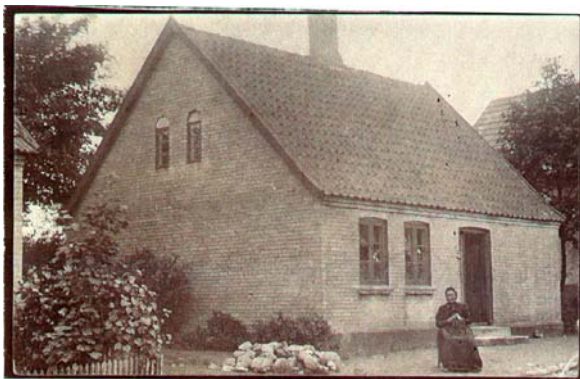
Ane Kirstine Olsen, born 8 Jul 1862 in Hallenslev, Holbaek amt, to smallholder Ole Sorensen (1817-1899) and wife Ane Marie Christophersdatter (1832-1928). Confirmed, 1 Oct 1876 in Store Fuglede Church, Ars district.



Ane's parents Ole and Ane Marie in Hallenslev



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Ane's birthplace in Hallenslev. In front probably Ane Marie!



Ane's birthplace in Hallenslev 2002



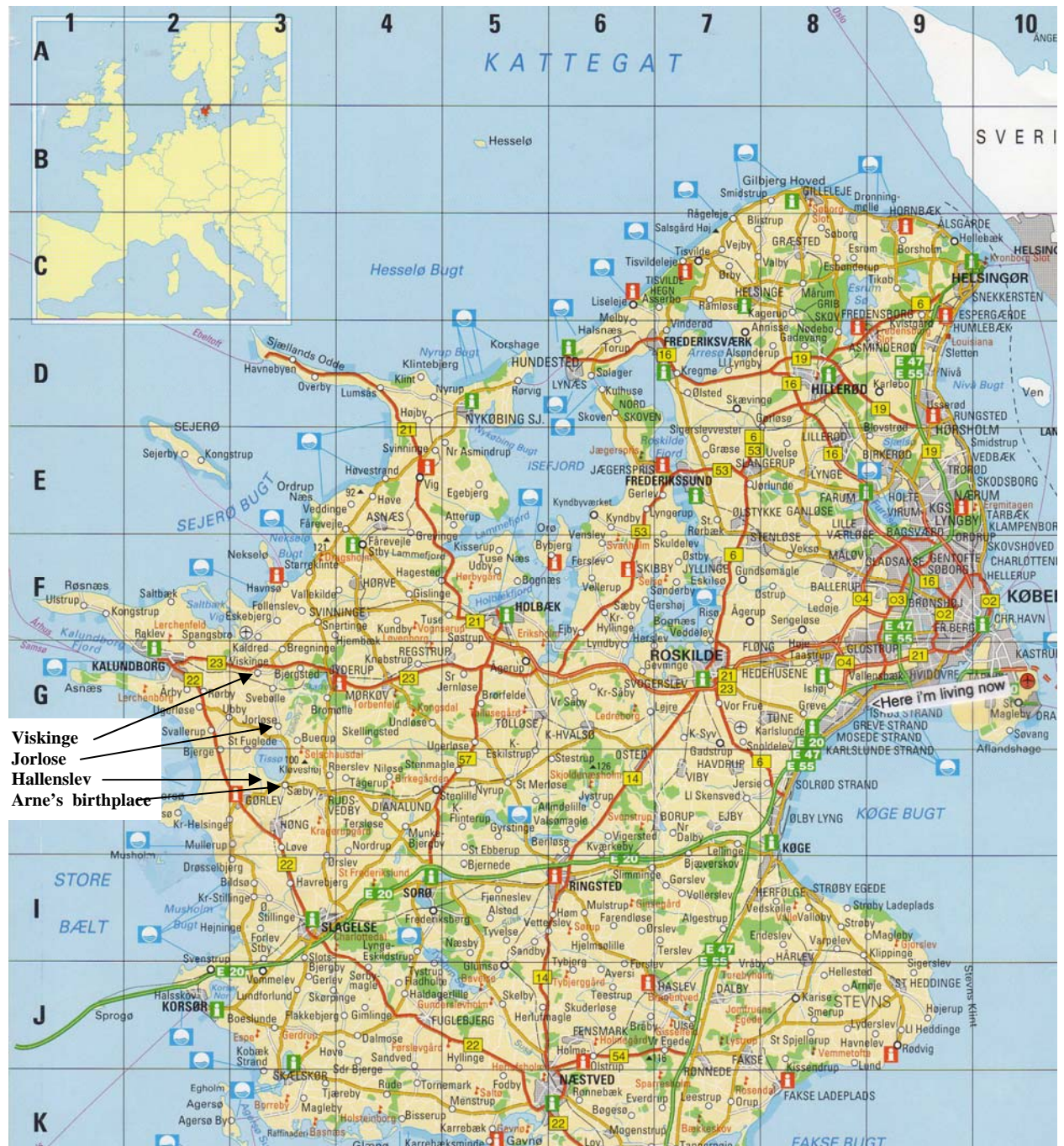
Ane's birthplace in Hallenslev 2002. In the background: Hallenslev Church.



Jorlose Church



Inside Jorlose Church



Viskinge
 Jorlose
 Hallenslev
 Arne's birthplace

Part of Sjælland
With points of interest marked

Married 50 Years Ago In Denmark

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sorenson to Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sorenson of this city will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Mar. 21, at a dinner to be given at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jens Sorenson, also of this city.

Andrew Sorenson of the United States of America and Anna Kirstine Olsen of Halsenslov, Denmark,



were married in Jordtas, Denmark, March 21, 1887. Mr. Sorenson had been in America four years, then returned to his native country for the happy event. The bride and groom immediately returned to this country, settling in Blue Earth county. On arriving in Lake Crystal they walked out to Linden township where they started farming as it was too muddy that day for a team to get over the rough roads of that period. After living on the farm for 10 years they moved into Lake Crystal where they have since resided. Mr. Sorenson was employed in the mill and in the Hubbard & Palmer elevator until about four years ago. They have lived in their present home since 1901.

Mr. Sorenson is the last living member on his side of the family. He has two nephews, Lars and Marius Sorenson, both of Lake Crystal. Mrs. Sorenson has a sister, Mrs. Lou Hansen, who resides in Lake Crystal, and a brother, Soren Olsen, whose home is in Denmark.

To this happy union 11 children were born and are still living, namely, Ole of Mankato; Ella of Delphia, Mont.; Peter and Anna of Stanwood, Wash.; Jens and Inga of Virginia, Minn.; Hazel of South St. Paul; Edith of Staten Island, New York; Fred of Vernon Center; Louis and Esther of Stanley, Wis.

The picture reproduced in this article was taken in Denmark at the time of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sorenson and was given to the parents of Mrs. Siver Larson of Butternut who loaned it for this occasion.



Andrew and Anna's house in Lake Crystal.



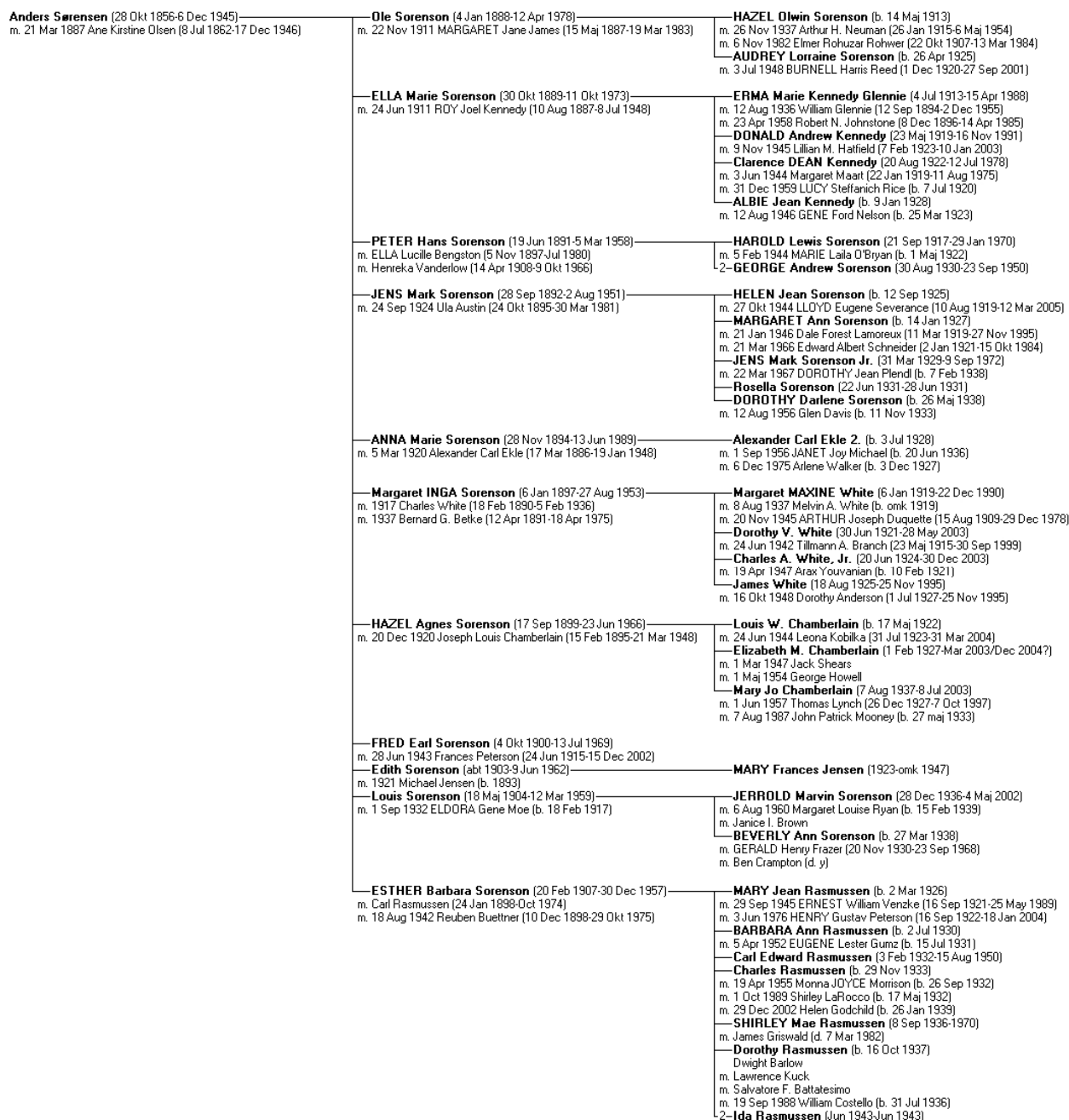
Andrew and Anna in front of their house in Lake Crystal. I the middle Esther, Marius and Inga

They gave birth to the following children:

- Ole Sorenson**, born 4 Jan 1888 in Lake Crystal, Blue Earth Co, MN,
- Ella Marie Sorenson**, born 30 Oct 1889 in Lake Crystal, Blue Earth Co, MN,
- Peter Hans Sorenson**, born 19 Jun 1891 in Lake Crystal, Blue Earth Co, MN,
- Jens Mark Sorenson**, born 28 Sep 1892 in Lake Crystal, Blue Earth Co, MN,
- Anna Marie Sorenson**, born 28 Nov 1894 in Lake Crystal, Blue Earth Co, MN,
- Margaret Inga Sorenson**, born 6 Jan 1897 in Lake Crystal, Blue Earth Co, MN,
- Hazel Agnes Sorenson**, born 17 Sep 1899 in Lake Crystal, Blue Earth Co, MN,
- Fred Earl Sorenson**, born 4 Oct 1900 in Lake Crystal, Blue Earth Co, MN,
- Edith Sorenson**, born abt. 1903 in Lake Crystal, Blue Earth Co, MN,
- Louis Sorenson**, born 18 May 1904 in Lake Crystal, Blue Earth Co, MN,
- Esther Barbara Sorenson**, born 20 Feb 1907, in Lake Crystal, Blue Earth Co, MN.

Anders died age 89, 6 Dec 1945 in Lake Crystal, buried 10 Dec 1945 at Lake Crystall Cemetery, Minnesota.

Ane died age 84, 17 Dec 1946 in Lake Crystal, buried 22 Dec 1946 at Lake Crystall Cemetery, Minnesota.



3 generations to Andrew and Anna



Anna and Andrew's children (1903),
back: Jens(11),
middle: Anna(8), Ella(14), Inga(6)
front: Fred(2), Edith(8 mo), Hazel(4)



Andrew, Esther and Anna in front of their house
in Lake Crystal.



Andrew and Anna's house in Lake Crystal 2004



Esther, Anna, Inga carrying Maxime and Anna's sister Marie (called Mary)



Andrew and Anna at their goldwedding 21 Mar 1937



Andrew and Anna at their goldwedding 21 Mar 1937 surrounded by their sons. Fred, Andrew, Peter, Louis, Anna, Jens and Ole

A. & MRS. SORENSON
NOTE 58th ANNIVERSARY
Wednesday was the 58th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sorenson and was the occasion for a few friends and relatives to gather at their home in their honor.
The guests brought and served a lovely lunch in the afternoon.
Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jens Sorenson, Mrs. Claude Crowe, Carrie Nelson, Mrs. Sena Tweed, Mrs. Ed Nelson and Mrs. Mel Frisvold.

Note in Lake Crystal Tribune telling about Ane & Andrew's 58th anniversary



Anna and Esther



Marius, Inga?, Peter, Edith, Jens and Esther.



Anna and Andrew.



Andrew and Erma.



Grandpa Sorenson Mary Jo

Andrew and Mary Jo (1945?)

FINAL RITES HELD FOR ANDREW SORENSON MONDAY AFTERNOON

Andrew Sorenson, son of Soren Neilsen, was born in Visten, Denmark, October 28, 1856. At the age of 27 he came to the United States and four years later returned to Denmark. On March 21 1887, he married Anna Kristine Olson of Halenslou, Denmark, after which they came back to this country and settled in Blue Earth county. They lived on a farm for ten years and then moved to Lake Crystal where they have since resided.

Mr. Sorenson was employed at the Mill and in the Hubbard and Palmer Elevator for a number of years. On March 21, 1937, he and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the home of their son, Jens M. Sorenson, of Lake Crystal.

Mr. Sorenson departed this life on the 6th day of December, 1945, at the age of 89 years, 1 month, and 8 days.

Besides his wife, Mr. Sorenson is survived by eleven children, six daughters and five sons: Ole of Mankato, Ella of Roundup, Mont., Ann of Stanwood, Wash., Peter and Louis of Thorpe, Wis., Inga of Parris Island, S. C., Edith of Staten Island, N.Y., Jens of Lake Crystal, Fred of Withee, Wis., Hazel of South St. Paul, and Esther of Stanley, Wis.; 29 grandchildren and five great grandchildren; four nephews, two in Denmark and two, Lars and Marius Sorenson of Lake Crystal.

Funeral services for Andrew Sorenson were held in the Jame Funeral Home at 2:00 o'clock on Monday afternoon, with Rev. Oliver Ruud, of the Zion Lutheran church, officiating.

Harold Williams, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Donald Kelley, sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Relatives and friends attending the funeral from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Ole Sorenson and daughter, Audrey, of Mankato, Mrs. Joe Chamberlain and son Louis of South St. Paul; Louis and Peter Sorenson of Thorpe, Wisconsin; Fred Sorenson of Withee, Wisconsin, and C. A. Johnson, Clarence Hellekson, Mr. and Mrs. John M. James, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Ekee, all of Mankato.

The five sons and a nephew of Mr. Sorenson acted as pallbearers, namely Ole, Peter, Fred, Louis, Jens and Lars Sorenson.

Interment was at the Lake Crystal cemetery.

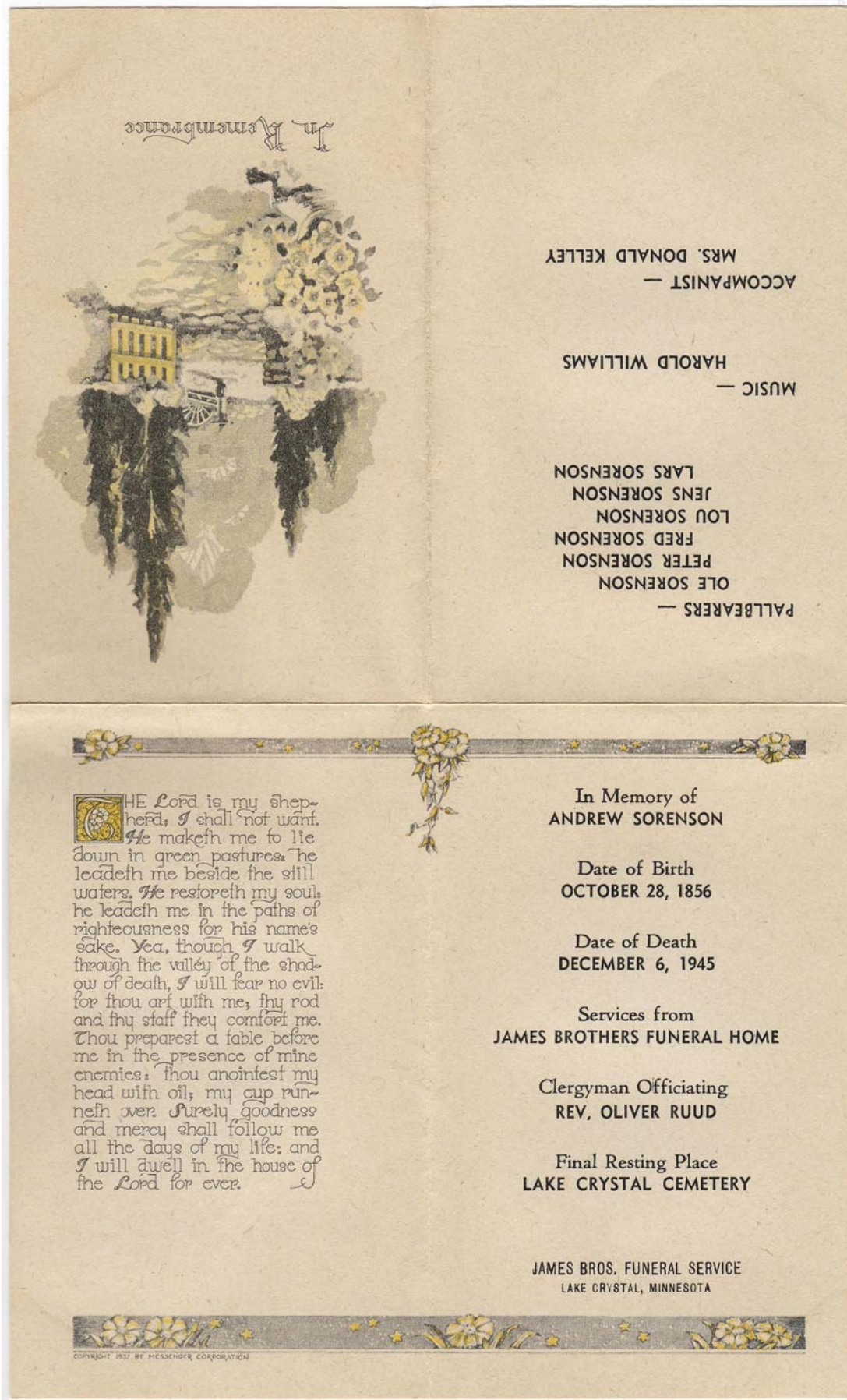
CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest appreciation for all the acts of sympathy, kindness and understanding shown us in the recent sickness and passing of Andrew Sorenson. Especially are we grateful to Rev. Oliver Ruud for his comforting words, to Harold Williams for his singing, and to all those who sent flowers and contributions. Your kindnesses will long be remembered.

Mrs. Andrew Sorenson
and children.



Andrew's headstone on Lake Crystal Cemetery.



In Remembrance

ACCOMPANIST —
 MRS. DONALD KELLEY

MUSIC —
 HAROLD WILLIAMS

PALLBEARERS —
 OLE SORENSON
 PETER SORENSON
 FRED SORENSON
 LOU SORENSON
 JENS SORENSON
 LARS SORENSON

THE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

In Memory of
 ANDREW SORENSON

Date of Birth
 OCTOBER 28, 1856

Date of Death
 DECEMBER 6, 1945

Services from
 JAMES BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME

Clergyman Officiating
 REV. OLIVER RUUD

Final Resting Place
 LAKE CRYSTAL CEMETERY

JAMES BROS. FUNERAL SERVICE
 LAKE CRYSTAL, MINNESOTA

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Ole, Jens, Andrew, Anna, Edith, Margaret, ?, ?

From a family history "Seeds For Tomorrow" by Albie Jean Kennedy Nelson, daughter of Ella Sorenson Kennedy.

Andrew Sorenson was born in Visten, Denmark on October 28, 1856. His father was named Soren Neilson but Andrew changed his name from Neilson to Sorenson when he came to America.

Anna Kristine Olson was born in Halenslow, Denmark in 1861.

Andrew Sorenson was introduced to Anna Olson by a friend while they were working in the fields in Denmark. Andrew had decided to go to America but before he left, he asked for Anna's hand in marriage. Arriving in America, he went to Michigan first and later to Linden Township, Minnesota to work as a farmer and later as a wheat buyer. He was in America for five years, saving enough money to return to Denmark and marry his beloved Anna. It must have been true love for Anna to wait five years for Andrew to come back for her and then to cross the ocean to a strange land where there would be no family or friends. They were married on March 22, 1887 in Jordtas, Denmark and came to America shortly after. On their marriage certificate, it reads-Andrew Sorenson, young man, America and Anna Olson, young woman, Denmark. When the ship bringing them to America neared New York City, Andrew told Anna to throw her wooden shoes into the water as she would now wear leather shoes. Arriving in Minnesota, they walked the twelve miles from the train to Linden where they were to live. Their home was a dirt cellar (dugout) until a house could be built.

To this couple were born eleven children. Ole, Ella Marie, Hans Peter, Jens Mark, Anna Marie, Inga Margaret, Hazel, Fred Earl, Edith (Eda), Louie, and Esther. Ella was later to become my mother. All the children were born in the Lake Crystal area. Andrew worked at the local elevator and my mother tells of him coming home carrying a large sack of flour on his shoulder, which Grandmother made into bread for the large family.

History of Anders and Ane by Albie Jean Kennedy Nelson



Andrew's casket 6 Dec 1945



Andrew's grave on Lake Crystal Cemetery 10 Dec 1945

FINAL RITES HELD FOR MRS. ANDREW SORENSON SUNDAY

Last rites were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Andrew Sorenson at the James Brothers Funeral Home, and interment was at the Lake Crystal cemetery. Rev. Oliver Ruud officiated.

Four sons, one nephew and a son-in-law acted as pallbearers, Ole Peter, Jens, Louis, and Lars Sorenson, and Roy Kennedy.

Mrs. Andrew Sorenson was born Anna Kristine Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Olson on July 8, 1862. On March 21, 1887, she married Andrew Sorenson of Visten, Denmark, after which they came to this country and settled in Blue Earth county. They then moved to Lake Crystal.

On March 21, 1937, she and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. Sorenson preceded his wife in death December 6, 1945.

Mrs. Sorenson died December 17, 1946 at the age of 84 years.

Surviving are her eleven children, six daughters and five sons: Ole of Mankato; Ella, Roundup, Montana; Ann, Stanwood, Washington; Peter and Jens, Lake Crystal; Edith, Staten Island, N.Y.; Hazel, South St. Paul; Esther, Ripplinger, Wis.; Fred, Withee, Wis., and Louis, Thorpe, Wis. *INCA S.C.*

Also surviving are her sister, Mrs. Mary Hanson and two nephews, Lars and Marius, all of Lake Crystal, and 29 grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Relatives and friends from out of town attending the funeral were C. A. Johnson and Charles Junior, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Osten, Mr. and Mrs. John James, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Ekle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buriel, Kenneth Skobba, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Jones, Mrs. Nick Wilmes, Mrs. Ruth Ulrich, Mrs. Marie Shettler, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Sorenson and Audrey, all of Mankato, Mrs. Joe Chamberlain of South St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Art Neuman of St. James, Harold Sorenson of Minneapolis, Mrs. Rueben Buettner of Ripplinger, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kennedy, Roundup, Montana, Mrs. Alex Ekle, Stanwood, Wash., Louis Sorenson, Thorpe, Wis.

Lake Crystal,

FUNERAL SERVICES SUNDAY FOR MRS. ANDREW SORENSON *1946*

Mrs. Andrew Sorenson of Lake Crystal, died at her home Tuesday morning at the age of 84.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the James Brothers Funeral Home. Burial will be made in the Lake Crystal cemetery. Rev. Oliver Ruud will be in charge of the services.

She is survived by her eleven children: five sons, Ole of Mankato, Jens and Peter of Lake Crystal, Louis of Thorpe, Wis., and Fred of Withee, Wis., and six daughters: Mrs. Roy Kennedy, Roundup, Montana, Mrs. Alex Ekle, Stanwood, Wash., Mrs. B. G. Betke, Parris Island, S.C., Mrs. Mike Jensen, Staten Island, N.Y., Mrs. Joe Chamberlain, South St. Paul, and Mrs. Rueben Buettner, Stanley, Wis. Also surviving are her sister, Mrs. Mary Hanson, two nephews, Lars and Marius, all of Lake Crystal, 29 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.



Ane's headstone on Lake Crystal graveyard
(She used the name Anna)

Indians in Area When First Settlers Arrived

There were Indians in the area when W. R. Robinson and L. O. Hunt arrived in 1853 and settled on land which is now the site of the City of Lake Crystal. At that time the Sioux Indians were at war with the Chippewas.

One night a number of Sioux Indians came to Robinson's log house, trembling with fear and said "the Chippewa were in the woods." For three days the Sioux laid low but finally more warriors came and after considerable firing and the reported killing of one Chippewa brave near Loon Lake, the squaws went back to gathering wild rice.

For years after Robinson

and Hunt arrived, the Sioux still held their scalp dances in the grove now called Robinson's Park, on Crystal Lake, and their blood curdling war hoops drove sleep from the eyes of the few settlers that were brave enough to remain on their claims.

The Spirit Lake massacre of 1857 gave the settlers here great uneasiness and it was thought prudent for all to move into Robinson's log house and utilize it for a fort. This was done and for several weeks the women and children did not leave the yard. During this time there were several false alarms of the coming of In-

dians and the excitement at those times was almost tragic. Mrs. Mary Rooney was at Ft. Robinson at this time, and during one of the most exciting alarms, Thomas Rooney was born, coming into the world welcomed by the report of fire arms and the smell of gun powder. Tom was small but made a good deal of noise and Mr. Robinson told his mother that the Indians would never come near the house as long as Tom was there.

During the summer of 1856 an incident happened that came near ending in tragedy. The noted chief Tatom-ka-hem-in-we-zer (Standing Buffalo), came to the lake with 20 warriors to join in the scalp dance. He and his braves often spend hours at the Robinson homestead, telling of their adventures in fighting the Chippewas. One morning in describing a battle, Standing Buffalo gave several war hoops. Mrs. Robinson was trying to get her baby to sleep and the noise frightened it. She told the Indians to keep still, but they paid no attention to her. The chief gave a most unearthly yell, whereupon Mrs. Robinson seized a whip and struck at his legs. As she made the stroke he jumped into the air, clearing a two-horse farm wagon. Her whip did not touch him. Giving her a wicked look, he drew his blanket around him and marched off, followed by his braves. If Mrs. Robinson had actually struck the chief, probabilities are that the whole white settlement would have been killed at once. Mr. Robinson, Calvin Webb, H. C. Howard and O. Robinson were present at the time, but did not fully realize the great danger until it was over.

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Lake Crystal Tribune article about Indians and first settlers

Four Families Here in 1854 . . .

Early History of Lake Crystal Recalled

When the Sioux Indians went on the warpath 100 years ago, there were four families in what is now Lake Crystal. The story of the life of these pioneers and the early history of Lake Crystal is preserved in a paper written by Mrs. Alfred Olson of this city which was presented at a meeting of the Blue Earth County Historical Society in February, 1940. The story, as written by Mrs. Olson, follows:

William Riley Robinson with his wife, Mary Elizabeth, and two children, Frances and James Arthur; L. O. Hunt and wife, Sarah; Samuel Thorne and wife, Martha; and Calvin Webb and wife, Prudence Anne, were the first white settlers on the land around Crystal Lake.

The families were related, Mrs. Hunt being Mrs. Robinson's sister and the two other women, sisters of Mr. Robinson. The parental home of all of them was the state of New York.

The Webbs had previously established a home in Iowa and in the fall of 1853 the Thornes, who were bride and groom, came out to spend the winter with them. The Robinsons spent the winter in Wisconsin with the Hunts, where Mr. Hunt had been engaged in farming and milling for 12 or 14 years.

In the spring of '54 Mr. Hunt came to Minnesota seeking new homes for them all. His first choice of land lay along the Little Cob river, but upon discovering that it was infested with rattlesnakes, being so informed by the Indians, and that there were none beyond the Blue Earth river, he crossed that river and moved on until he came to Crystal Lake, so named because of its crystal clearness. There he staked out claims and returned to Wisconsin for his wife and the Robinsons. They came to their new homes in the fall of that year ('54) and were

watching through the unchinked cracks between the logs. Then, too, I have heard my aunt, Mrs. Cookson, who was Frances Robinson, tell of an occasion when she was left in charge of the home as her parents were gone for the day. How she held her rifle in her hand all day, going from window to window watching the Indians who were skulking around bent on mischief. She was well trained in rifle shooting and could shoot better than most men or boys.

The nearest point at which the new settlers could get provisions was Mankato, and the trip there was a long hard one. It had to be made by ox team as this was the only mode of transportation. Pigeon Hill was a bad hazard on the way, as it was so steep that a team had to zigzag back and forth to go up or down.

Life was hard in the new community, as there were not many conveniences and the possessions were meager. However, they shared what they had with each other and managed to come through the lean years and had many pleasures mingled with the hardships.

In December of '54, a daughter, Elsie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thorne, the first white child to be born this side of the Blue Earth river. On February 4, 1856, a son, Charles, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, the first child born in Lake Crystal. On March 5 of the same year, a son, Waldon, was born to the Hunts.

In April, 1857, Calvin Webb died at the Robinson home, the first death in the village. He had been brought from his farm home on the opposite side of the lake on account of the Indian scare caused by the "Inkpadutah War". Mr. Robinson's house being barricaded, was the resort of the settlers under such circumstances.

Before the awful Sioux Massacre of '62, an Indian friend of my grandfathers came to his door

and warned him to take his family and leave as the Indians planned to kill all the whites. Being able to understand their language my grandfather listened in on their pow-wow as a spy, but was detected as he was about to make his get-away and was forced to kill his discoverer. We still have

the knife with which he saved his life. He always grieved for having to take this Indian's life. My grandmother and her sister, Mrs. Hunt took their children and returned to New York where they would be safe but the men remained. Mr. Hunt went to Mankato where many were "forted up".

The first attempt to start a town was in 1857, when the owners of the land south east of the present town site gave lots to C. S. Terry, a resident of Nicollet county, if he would build and conduct a store there. This he did, but losing faith in the project only stayed one year.

A school house was built in the same vicinity, near the old swimming hole. My father has told me then, even as now, the boys were wont to skip school to go swimming. A cemetery also was platted on the lots which lie directly west of the Garden City town-planning line and north of Humphrey street. These lots are now what we know as the Will Jenkins place. This attempted town was named "Crystal Lake City", but was destined to be short lived.

When the railroad came through in 1869 the prospects for a town seemed more favorable, so Messrs. Hunt and Robinson had the present site surveyed and platted.

As an inducement to erect and operate a hotel, L. O. Hunt gave lots to Sam Oakley. This property was later known as the Wood Hotel and now houses the James funeral home.

W. R. Robinson offered building lots to the first person erecting a home. Henry Humphrey qualified for these.

Mr. Robinson also gave the new town its beautiful cemetery and the few bodies that had been laid in the cemetery east of town were moved to the new resting place.

The first post office to serve the town was the Loon Lake post

office, established in 1867 with Mrs. S. A. Cookson as postmistress. The office was established in her home about one mile east of the village. As soon as the village grew large enough to demand a post office, this one was moved and its name changed. The village, named Lake Crystal, was incorporated in 1870. The meeting for organization was held March 20, 1870, at the school house. The officers elected for that year were: A. Chamidlin, president; L. O. Hunt, W. R. Robinson, M. E. Dunn and Wm. McGillis, trustees; W. P. Marston, recorder; Henry Humphrey, assessor; Evariste Franchere, justice; and Alonzo Frizzel, constable.

In 1869, Evariste Franchere and his brother, Schmedding, started a general store, with a drug store in connection and a millinery store in the rear conducted by Mrs. E. Franchere.

Lorin Cray started practice of law in 1875, Dr. H. H. Herring located for the practice of medicine in 1876 and Dr. W. R. Cullen in 1879.

The newspaper, "Public Spirit", a weekly, first started here in 1880, but moved to Mankato, maintaining a Lake Crystal department. A. G. C. Whitman was editor and business manager.

In 1870 Joseph Kieffer conducted a hotel and saloon in Lake Crystal.

In 1869 E. C. Davis opened a general store with M. E. Dunn, W. P. Marston was afterwards his partner. In 1873 Mr. Davis sold his interest and went in company with P. A. Larson in the same business.

Louis Seeger conducted a harness shop in the village in 1871. The harness shop was in the basement of the building where Wegosky's clothing store now is, with a saloon on the street floor. (The Marston Building, which is now occupied by Minnesota Valley Natural Gas Co.)

A. M. Mitchell operated the first bank in the village and this was later taken over by Marston, Larson and Davis.

The first school was opened in the summer of 1869, taught by Mrs. Abbie Tuche in a frame building formerly used as a dwelling. It was located on Main

street, just south of the present Ballard & Lange garage. The following year a large two-story frame building was erected at a cost of about \$1700. When a brick school was built on the present site, this old building was moved up town and used as a butter and cheese factory.

joined here by the Webbs and Thornes. Mr. Hunt and Mr. Robinson each took a strip of land a mile long and one-half mile wide, west of the lake. (On these properties the City of Lake Crystal now lies.) The Hunt farm was west of the Robinsons. What is now Main street was the "line fence". Mr. Webb located on the north side of the lake and Mr. Thorne on the south.

Temporary shelters or shanties were hastily constructed and the families set up housekeeping. Log houses were not completed until the following year. The Hunt log house stood very near the site of the present Hunt home. (This home has been razed and is now the site of Holy Family Catholic church.) The log house of the Robinsons stood south and a little east of the red brick house which was their later home, which still stands and is known as the W. E. Cookson home. (The house is located on East Robinson street and is owned by Joe Kubicek.)

The Indians who were numerous here at the time were very anxious about their new neighbors, but except for such times as they went on the warpath were generally friendly. They were not to be trusted, however, and often stole their belongings. I have heard my grandmother (Mrs. Robinson) tell of an Indian stealing an entire baking of bread, hot from the oven. Then, too, they were persistent beggars and hard to convince that the answer was "No" and hard to get rid of if they decided they'd like to sit by the kitchen fire. When my grandparents ate their first evening meal in their new log house, they counted 28 pairs of curious eyes

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Early history of Lake Crystal article in Lake Crystal Tribune

