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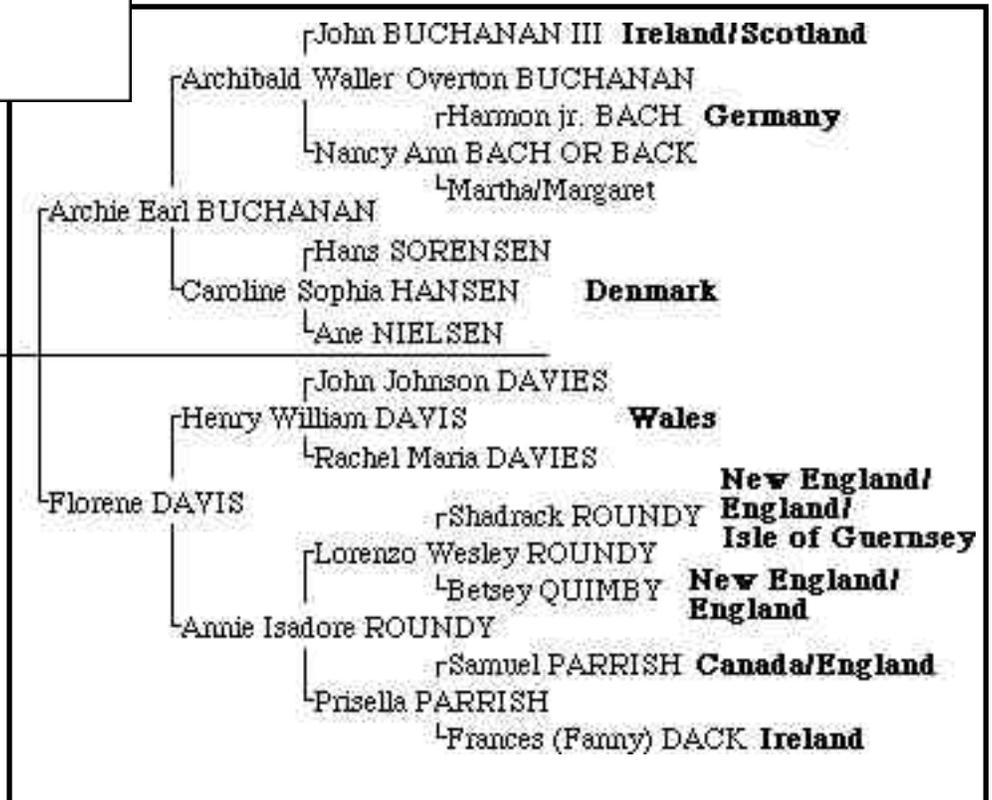
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Sorensen Family Denmark Conversions

Hans and Ane Sorensen first heard the gospel in the latter part of 1857. The story, reported in other issues of this newsletter, is that at around Christmas time, they broke open a hole in the ice where they were then baptized. Nothing is recorded about the rest of their extended families, but by examining genealogy and other records, we see that others of their family also joined the church. It doesn't appear that Hans's or Ane's parents joined the church, but some of their family did. The records show the baptism of Hans and Ane happened on 5 Feb 1858 (I guess that is pretty close to Christmas). Hans' brother Jorgen and his wife Karen were baptized on that same date. Ane's

brother, Jacob Nielsen was baptized a few months later (perhaps having waited until the ice melted?) on 14 Jun 1858. His wife, Ellen was also baptized at that time. I could not find emigration records for Jorgen and Karen Sorensen, but it appears that they came to Utah in about 1866. Hans' family came between 1868 and 1871 (as reported in the newsletter Volume 2, number 3 (Sept. 2004). We have more information concerning Jacob Nielsen, Ane's brother. Their story is interesting and I will give a summary next. I am researching some concerning Hans' sisters Metta Marie and Anne Greta. I am not sure that their families' temple work has been done. I am including these in the research I am working on now. A report will be forthcoming. Ane also has a sister that apparently did not join the church. Her name is Karen Sophie Nielsen. She married Jens Hansen, but I have not yet been able to discover what happened to their family. I will summarize the current research later in this newsletter.



The Story of Jacob Nielsen and Family Coming to America

I have no actual recorded history of this family, that I know of, but there are a number of records that give interesting information about this family. I may eventually get in contact with someone in their family to find out about a history, but for now, I will assemble the facts I have at hand.

Jacob is Ane Nielsen Sorensen's brother and his family joined the church shortly after Ane and Hans Sorensen joined the church. The story of Hans' family takes them to the peninsula of Jutland, near the city of Aarhus around 1865-1866 to get away from persecution. It appears that Jacob and his family stayed in the area at least for a couple more years. The Scandinavian LDS church Emigration records show that they left Denmark in 1868 as part of the Copenhagen Conference. When Hans left a few years later from Aarhus, they were listed as being part of the Aarhus conference. In those days, the church was divided up in conferences of the church. The Holbaek/Sorø area of Denmark where the family originated from was about 20-30 miles west of Copenhagen, so it was part of the Copenhagen Conference. The roster lists Jacob's family thus:

Jacob Nielsen 46 Smith [occupation] Sealands (Sjælland is the island name); Ellen Nielsen 42 Wife; Hans Nielsen 18 Son; Ole Nielsen 14 Son; Karen Nielsen 11 Daus; Stine Nielsen 7 [her name is Christine, apparently she went by Stine, pronounced "Shteena"]; and Ane Nielsen Inf.

As you can see here, there are the parents and 5 children. Prior to this, Stine's twin sister Annie (not the one shown as an infant), died a few months after birth. Two brothers also died before this time, Niels, who died at age 5, and Jen Peter at almost 2. Both of these boys died at about the same time, in 1866.

Of the five children. It is apparent that one of them died along the way, because when the report is given as the eventual wagon train arrived in the Salt Lake Valley, the roster lists the Jacob Nielsen family with 4 children.. The genealogy records show both Karen Marie and the infant Annie as dying in September 1868. It is possible that one died before and one after arriving at the valley. In any case, it is a sad story and I have no details.

According to the diary of Annie E. Bertelsen [Bertelsen, Annie E., *Diary*, (Typescript) *Utah Pioneer Biographies* vol. 5, pp. 31-32], they started with 630 emigrants who left Copenhagen by the steamer "Hansia on June 13, 1868, crossed the North Sea and arrived in Hull, England, on June 16. In the evening of that same day they boarded the train to Liverpool. On the 19th they went on board the ship Emerald Isle, and on the 20th the ship sailed from Liverpool, with a company of 877 They took on fresh water at Queenstown on the 26th and finally set sail on the 29th for the eight week journey to New York. They had 37 deaths along the way. From New York, they went via Niagra, Detroit and Chicago to Council Bluffs, Iowa, crossed the river in a steamboat and then went by railway to Benton, (near present day Rawlins, Wyoming), a 700 mile trip.

In less than a year, the transcontinental railroad would be completed in Utah. For now they had to take wagons from Benton to the Salt Lake Valley. In a narrative by the church concerning the John G. Holman Compnay (their pioneer company), it says: "Holman's ox train of 62 wagons left the rail terminus at Benton, Wyoming, on September 1 with 628 emigrants. Benton was located 11 miles east of present-day Rawlins, Wyoming. This end-of-track town was in existence for only three months, but during its brief history more than 100 people were reported to have died there in gunfights. The company was delayed in Benton when a woman in their company was arrested on a trumped-up charge and they had to wait for her trial. U.S. soldiers had to protect the company when an enraged mob from the railroad town marched on the wagon company. The mob had been angered by false rumors to the effect that the Mormons were intent on taking a woman to Utah against her will."

The company arrived, coming down Parley's Canyon (specifically mentioning going past Kimball's). The Historian's office journal contains the following: "Friday, Sept. 25, 1868. Captain

John G. Holman's train arrived in Salt Lake City. In this company 37 died crossing the sea, 22 crossing the plains from Benton here, and two today since their arrival." I assume that one of those 22 was one of Jacob's children and possible one of the 2 since arrival was the other of the two children who died in September 1868. Even though the pioneer company was able to travel with more modern transportation most of the way, they still suffered serious loss.

Jacob's family settled in Spring City, in Sanpete county. Only two of his children lived to adulthood, Hans and Stine. Hans's family stayed in the Sanpete area mostly, but Stine married Andrew Olsen and most of their family moved to Alberta, Canada in the early 1900's.

Sorensen Family History Research

The other day, I brought two of my sons, Mark and Adam and one of their friends, with me to the Family History Library to give them experience with Danish genealogy research. Ane Nielsen and her brother Jacob and sister Karen lived in Terslose, Holbaek, Denmark. They boys searched through the parish records looking for children of Karen and her husband Jens Hansen. They found nothing. I expect that the family moved soon after their marriage in 1846. In searching through the FamilySearch.org for their names, I also came up with nothing, either in Denmark or in the US. I will continue to search parish records in the area in Denmark to see whether I can find them so we can do their temple work. I expect that Ane worried about her sister and family who did not join the church.

This map, from Google Earth, shows the area where they lived. The dimensions are 20 miles wide by about 13.5 miles high. See this on Google Earth at 55° 27'05" N 11° 33' 21"



In other research, I did some research of the family of Ane's maternal grandfather, Ole Svendsen. My records did not show any brothers or sisters for him and nothing much for his parents. They were from Pedersborg parish, just north of the city of Sorø (pronounced something like "so-roo"). I found that there are some good records for Pedersborg parish. I found two sisters and a brother for Ole. These all have had their temple work done, possibly from church extraction work, but I intend to continue following that line to see how far I can go and see if any work was missed in the process.

Archie Earl Buchanan Audio Tape

I went through my cassette tapes recently and came across one with Archie Earl's wonderful voice. He tells of his love for his children and posterity and then he tells stories of his ancestors. I have digitized what I have as a file that can be played on an iPod or with iTunes (an .m4v file). I will post a small segment of it on the web site. Unfortunately, the tape I have is recorded only on one side and it is obvious that it was supposed to continue on the second side. I assume that more copies were made of this tape. I am not sure of the date, but I expect that it was made in the early 1970's. It stops where he is talking about his own life after coming back from Mexico. Is there anyone of the family that has this tape with both sides recorded? I would like to record both sides and make it available to the family. Please look around and let me know.

I have also recorded Florene's funeral and Forrest's funeral. If there are any noteworthy recordings from the past, please let me know and I can digitally record them. It would be a great blessing to have recordings of as many of our ancestors as possible, especially if they bore their testimonies for us.

[This and other material can be found at the web site: <http://aeb.buchananspot.com>, including a table of contents of the newsletter issues. NOTE: There are a lot of new pictures and pages on the web site, added over the past month.]