

Research Summary for  
**Anna Neilsen**  
And her Children;  
**Inger Maria and Emanuel Dinesen**

As we received the question of what became of the children of Anna Nielsen and Hans Dinesen, it became evident that very little was really known about any of them except Hans. My file had Anne Nielsen, Female, born 13 Nov 1846 in Landpek, Sjland, Denmark, died 20 Oct 1901, Baptised 4 Apr 1891, Endowed 3 Nov 1880. The only documentation I had was the 1900 US Census for Manti precinct, Sanpete, Utah. This I believe was added after we transcribed the information from a family group sheet many years ago. I had her married and sealed to Hans Dinesen on 2 Nov 1880 in Saint George, Washington, Utah. Their children were listed as: John Dinesen born 19 Jan 1882 in Manti and died 20 Oct 1887, Inger Maria Dinesen born 18 July 1883 in Manti baptized 31 Aug 1891 endowed 14 Mar 1906 and born in the covenant, Emanuel Dinesen born 19 Jun 1885 in Manti baptized 3 July 1893 and born in the covenant, and a fourth unknown child. Anne, Hans, Inger, Emanuel and the unknown child were all sourced to the 1900 US Census. In that census Anna's line reports 4 births with 2 children living.

The primary question in the beginning was what happened to the two surviving children. In my mind there was the question of why we knew so little about Anne. I also wanted to learn about that fourth child. Our research became a five part study, Anne and her 4 children.

John Dinesen is the easiest to document. On line at Ancestry.com we find that he is recorded as John Dinesen or Denison, Father Hans Dinesen, Mother Anne Nielsen, born 19 January 1882 in Manti, Sanpete, Utah. That is nothing new. On a trip to Manti in July 2001, we visited the court house and found him in the cemetery records: Johannes (son of Hans Sr and Anna) born January 14, 1882 died October 20, 1887 and buried in Manti Cemetery, Lot 7, Block 11, Plat A. Dr George L Sears was the attending physician. We do not know the cause of death or anything about his life or personality. He died at less than age eight and was born in the covenant so no temple work is required. There are still things to learn about his life, what caused his death and how that impacted the remaining members of his family.

Inger Maria Dinesen is slightly more challenging. Other than birth death and ordinance dates we knew nothing. Again the 1900 census was our only source. Census information gives a sense of place over time so we explored the 1910 and 1920 census. In both cases she is in Manti. In 1910 she is single and boarding in the household of John C and Petra A Kjar along with Arnold Shears(45) and Delores Kinniabruegh(7). To our knowledge she is not related to any of those people. In 1920 she is Inger D Kjar, head of house and a widow. She has Arnold Shears(55) and Deloris Kenniburg(17) as boarders. It appears that she has married a Kjar. A quick search of Ancestry's data base provides nothing new. The International Genealogical Index (IGI) provided further information from Film 170490, Reference # 438, "Inger M Denison; Female; Birth: 19 Jul 1883 Manti, Sanpete, Utah; Spouse: John Christian Kjar; Sealing to Spouse: 28 Jun 1917 Manti, Sanpete, Utah; License: 27 Jun 1917, Sanpete, Utah.

Further exploration revealed burial information. From the Utah Cemetery Inventory on line at [http://history.utah.gov/utah\\_research\\_center/](http://history.utah.gov/utah_research_center/) her burial information, "Name: Kjar, Inger M. D.; Birth: 7/19/1882; Death: 9/11/1962; Place of Birth: Manti, Utah; Place of Death: Orem Rest Home; Cause of Death: Natural Causes; Grave Location: Manti City Cemetery, Row 4, Lot Blk 5 Plat A Grv 4; Comments: Housewife, Lived in Orem, Utah, Widowed; Relatives: Ann Nielson (mother) Hans Denison (Father)." The IGI provides the final bits of information: baptized 31 Aug 1981; endowed 14 Mar 1906, MANTI; Sealing to parents 28 Apr 1981 LOGAN." The sealing to parents was unnecessary as she was born in the covenant.

John Christian Kjar, the husband of Inger Maria Dineson, was born 12 Jan 1849 in Hals, Hals, Denmark and married first Petre Ane Weibye in Manti. Petre died in 1915 and John married Inger in 1917. John died less than two years later at age 70, leaving Inger a 32 year old widow. It would appear that she never remarried and that there were no children.

Emanuel Dinesen is even more challenging. The 1900 census does not give much and Ancestry Family Trees has nothing to add. He can be located in the US Censuses of 1910, 1920 and 1930, but is hard to recognize because he is using the name Ed M Dennison. In all three censuses he is in Oregon. In 1910 he is a single carpenter working on bridges and living at Union county in eastern Oregon. In 1920 he is married, living in Portland and working as a boilermaker. In 1930 he is back in Union county with his wife, Etta, and son, Warren, and is a farmer with a fruit orchard. Various entries in the IGI help round out the picture: he died on 28 Nov 1948 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon; baptized 19 Jun 1892; endowed 18 Jul 1952 MANTI; Spouse: Etta N Gobel; Sealing to spouse: 18 Jul 1952 MANTI.

Etta N Gobel, spouse of Emanuel Dineson, was born, according to the IGI, on 20 Dec 1879 at Vernoto, Ohio. I have not been able to locate Vernoto in Ohio so that needs more research. She died 19 Jun 1951 at Portland, Oregon. Her father was Oliver Gobel and her mother was Ellen Shofer. Etta was baptized 23 Jun 1952, endowed 18 Jul 1952. Variations of her name include Etta Mary Gobel also Cobel.

Warren Dennison, son of Emanuel and Etta, was born in Oregon and died 19 Oct 1999 in Clatsop county, Oregon. His information comes from the Social Security Death Index and the 1930 US Census. I assume he married but have not found that yet. It is possible that an obituary would shed some light on his life.

The fourth child of Anna Nielsen documented in the 1900 census is an unknown. We find no burial record or any mention in the South Manti Ward records from 1877 to 1915. Hans Dinesen's diary does not mention it. I am left wondering if she had a child in or out of wedlock prior to coming to the Utah. This is another research project.

Anna Nielsen has presented the greatest challenge and the greatest learning experience. It would appear that all that we know about her comes from her trip to Saint George Temple to take out her endowments and be sealed to Hans Dinesen. From the two records generated 3 November 1880 and included in the IGI, we know her name, her birth date and place, and her parents. Her work has been redone several times using that same information. She appears in

only one census and there is no more information in Ancestry Family Trees or at Familysearch.org. Having exhausted the easy records, we went to floor B1 at the Family History Library in Salt Lake and asked them to give us an ancestor. There is no Anna, Ann, Ane, Anne Neilson the right age in the Scandinavian Mission Index. Her birth location; Landpek, Sjelland(when she was endowed) or Sjilling(sealing to spouse), Denmark is another mystery. Landpek does not exist anywhere in Denmark. Sjelland or Sjilling is very likely the Island that has Copenhagen on it. There are five counties on that island and another on an island just to the south that may also be included.

At this point, it is probably reasonable to report on Danish place names. In general the form is similar to other countries: named farm or hamlet, parish, district, county, country. It is not uncommon for an immigrant to give the parish and/or the county. Geographically, Denmark is comprised of four regions: the main peninsula named Jylland and three islands Fyn, Sjelland and Lolland. There is also a fourth island far to the east named Bornholm. Administratively, the country is divided into counties and there have been three major reorganizations: the first period, 1660-1794, there were nearly fifty counties; the second period, 1794-1970, there are half that many; the third and most recent reorganization, 1970-present, leaves Denmark with just fifteen counties. Within the counties there are districts and parishes. Most records are maintained at the parish level and so knowing the parish is essential. The district is important when researching probate records after 1793. Genealogical convention requires that a place name be the name of the place at the time the event occurred. In Denmark, as in the United States and other countries, it is possible for a person to be born in one county and die in another without moving. The parishes are more constant, but it is important to keep in mind what county a given parish was in during each the different periods.

Returning to our Anna Neilsen, it would appear that the place, Landpek, she gave is either a hamlet or a parish. However the recorder at the temple must have misspelled it. Possible parishes that are similar are Lindet and Landet and a place Landbaek. There are two Landet parishes, one in Maribo and one in Svendborg. Lindet is actually Oster Lindet and it is in Haderslev. Landbek, the one I feel comes closest, is in Hjorring. Placing those counties in their respective places: Maribo is on the island of Lolland, Svendborg is on the island of Fyn, Haderslev is on the south end of the peninsula Jylland and Hjorring is on the far north end of Jylland. None of our similar places are on the island, Sjelland. In 1880, when she gave the information, Sjelland had the following counties: Frederiksborg, Holbaek, Kobenhaven, Soro, Praestro, and the city of Copenhagen. Because Lolland is immediately south of Sjelland, we added Maribo to the list. In hope of refining all of the above guesses, we searched the 1850 Denmark census for Anna Neilsen in those six counties and eventually in all the counties of that period. No Anna Neilson the right age and having the right parents was found. No one even close.

Having tried the Scandinavian Mission Index, the Mormon Immigrant Lists and the Danish census and coming up blank made us start to wonder who she really was. Part of the rethinking was to consider the Danish patronymic naming pattern. When she was born, in 1846, patronymics would have made her name Anna Peterson based on her father's name, Peter Nielsen, reported in her 1880 endowment record. Denmark was just beginning the transition to

surnames in 1880. This consideration made us even less sure of what we thought we knew. We have doubts about her name and the birthplace she gave. We are hoping that her birth date and parents' names are good.

Trena went back to one of the translations of Hans Dinesen's diary hoping that he might have written something about her that would help us. There was a reference to R Henningsen. R Henningsen went to pick up immigrants, his wife's sister. He then wrote about going to see her and moving her things to his place. Then about their trip to Saint George to get married. It looked like the diary might just have provided the clue that we needed.

We looked up R Henningsen in the 1880 US census and found Rasmus Henningsen in Manti, Utah. In the IGI we found that Rasmus Henningsen had married his second wife in 1877 and her name was Bodel Petra Petersen. Bodel's parents had the same names. In 1877 when she was endowed, she gave her birth place as Shjelbye, Praesto, Denmark. Praesto is on Sjælland. We find that she emigrated on 22 June 1876 on the ship "Idaho". Anne Petersen emigrated 28 Aug 1880 on ship "Nevada" and left Liverpool on 4 September. Bodel emigrated from the Kjobenhaven Conference and Anne from the Copenhagen Conference. We found a great deal on Rasmus Henningsen and his wife Bodil.

Anne Neilsen or Petersen remains very hard to pin down. I have not found her or her sister in a census in Denmark. Will continue to search as time permits. It is possible that she had a child prior to leaving Denmark, which would account for the fourth child. Until I locate them in Denmark and get a parish, much of this will remain a mystery. I hope this helps with your project.

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**NOTE: This report was prepared by Trena and Larry Dodge about October 9 - 10, 2006 and sent to me for help in completion of the Hans Dinesen Chart of Children and Grandchildren. Their work in the Family History Library is appreciated. Almon H. Clegg, 20 October 2006.**