

Descent of the Renville County Jepsens/Jepsons from the original Danish Jep

Generation No. 1

1. JEP¹ PETERSEN¹ was born 1788 in Egen (island of Als). He married KJESTINE MARG. JURGENSEN¹. She was born 1788 in Lysahild.

Notes for JEP PETERSEN:
Day laborer

Child of JEP PETERSEN and KJESTINE JURGENSEN is:

2. i. PETER² JEPSEN, b. 10 Jul 1820, Egen (island of Als).

Generation No. 2

2. PETER² JEPSEN (*JEP¹ PETERSEN*)¹ was born 10 Jul 1820 in Egen (island of Als). He married MARIA HANSEN¹ 24 Nov 1844 in Enstad, Denmark. She was born 25 Feb 1818 in Hostrupsko, Denmark, and died 15 Jan 1892.

Children of PETER JEPSEN and MARIA HANSEN are:

3. i. ANNA CHRISTINE³ JEPSEN, b. 27 Jul 1852, Enstad, Denmark; d. 1939.
4. ii. HANS JEPSEN, b. 04 Nov 1855, Enstad, Denmark; d. 22 Feb 1945.
- iii. KJESTINE MARIE JEPSEN¹, b. 13 Aug 1845, Enstad, Denmark.

Notes for KJESTINE MARIE JEPSEN:
Either "Mrs. Thompson" or "Mrs. Brummer"
Her sister Cecilia was the other.
(from id on the back of the photo of Hans with his three sisters)

- iv. JEP PETERSEN JEPSEN¹, b. 18 Apr 1847, Enstad, Denmark; d. 13 Dec 1859.
- v. CECILIA MARIE JEPSEN¹, b. 04 Oct 1858, Enstad, Denmark.

Notes for CECILIA MARIE JEPSEN:
Either "Mrs. Thompson" or "Mrs. Brummer"
Her sister Christine/Kjesticine was the other.
(from id on the back of the photo of Hans with his three sisters)

Generation No. 3

3. ANNA CHRISTINE³ JEPSEN (*PETER², JEP¹ PETERSEN*)¹ was born 27 Jul 1852 in Enstad, Denmark², and died 1939. She married HANS BOTTGE. He was born 11 Jun 1846 in Denmark, and died 14 Mar 1911.

More About ANNA CHRISTINE JEPSEN:
Baptism: 15 Aug 1852, Enstad, Denmark²
Civil: 1852³
Departure: Denmark³

Notes for HANS BOTTGE:
Alternative death date: Mar 24, 1911

More About HANS BOTTGE:
Arrival: 1876⁴
Residence: 1900, Crooks, Renville, Minnesota⁴

Children of ANNA JEPSEN and HANS BOTTGE are:

5. i. PETER JEPSON⁴ BOTTGE, b. 22 May 1875, Denmark; d. 22 Apr 1954, Renville, MN.
- ii. HANS A. BOTTGE, b. 1884; d. 1935.

6. iii. MARY BOTTGE, b. 1880; d. 1959.
7. iv. MATTIE BOTTGE, b. 1877; d. 1969.
8. v. CHRISTIAN BOTTGE, b. 16 Jul 1882; d. Sep 1975.
9. vi. CHRISTINE BOTTGE, b. 1889.
- vii. MARIA BOTTGE.

4. HANS³ JEPSEN (*PETER*², *JEP*¹ *PETERSEN*)⁵ was born 04 Nov 1855 in Enstad, Denmark, and died 22 Feb 1945. He married INGEBORG BERGER Jan 1879. She was born 01 Apr 1861 in Nebraska.

Notes for HANS JEPSEN:

Hans Jepson one of the prosperous farmers of Sacred Heart township was born Nov 4 1855 in Schleswig Holstein Germany son of Peter and Marie Hausen Jepson There were five children Christina Anna Mary Zelia and Hans Hans was the first of the family to come to the United States coming in 1873 and landing at New York Then he traveled on to St Peter Minnesota where he joined an uncle Fred Schroeder who brought him to Renville county For five and a half years he worked on the farm of his uncle then he bought 40 acres of land in Sacred Heart township and began farming for himself He built a frame house and had a horse team and two cows After two years he bought 80 acres in section 14 in the same township and has lived there ever since He has improved the farm and increased it so that now he owns 160 acres He keeps a good grade of stock

Mr Jepson is a stockholder in the Renville Farmers Elevator He has served on the school board and is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church at Renville and is a trustee of that church His brothers and sisters all came to America and the parents were ready to come when the father died in 1877 at the age of fifty seven years The mother came over alone and died in Renville county in 1891 at the age of seventy five years In January 1879 Mr Jepson was married to Ingeborg Berger born April 1 1861 in Nebraska daughter of Berger S and Martha Ingebretson Berger Mr and Mrs Jepson have had twelve children of whom eleven are living Peter Benjamin Matilda Edward Mary Ida deceased Emma Henry Anna Tena and Elmira twins and Sadie

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Children of HANS JEPSEN and INGEBORG BERGER are:

- i. PETER⁴ JEPSEN.
- ii. BENJAMIN JEPSEN.
- iii. MATILDA JEPSEN.
- iv. EDWARD JEPSEN.
- v. MARY JEPSEN.
- vi. IDA JEPSEN.
- vii. EMMA JEPSEN.
- viii. HENRY JEPSEN.
10. ix. ANNA JEPSEN.
- x. TENA JEPSEN.
- xi. ELMIRA JEPSEN.
- xii. SADIE JEPSEN.

Generation No. 4

5. PETER JEPSON⁴ BOTTGE (*ANNA CHRISTINE*³ *JEPSEN*, *PETER*², *JEP*¹ *PETERSEN*) was born 22 May 1875 in Denmark, and died 22 Apr 1954 in Renville, MN. He married ALVINA THERESA HELEN LEISTIKOW 14 Aug 1907. She was born 05 Jan 1886 in Renville, MN, and died 17 Apr 1984 in Renville, MN.

More About PETER JEPSON BOTTGE:

Arrival: 1876⁶

Residence: 1900, Emmett, Renville, Minnesota⁶

Children of PETER BOTTGE and ALVINA LEISTIKOW are:

11. i. ARDUS RUTH⁵ BOTTGE, b. 15 Feb 1914, Renville, MN.
- ii. ADRIAN STANLEY BOTTGE, b. 08 Oct 1909, Renville, MN; d. 03 Apr 2005, Renville, MN.
12. iii. WESLEY HANS BOTTGE, b. 04 Jul 1911, Renville, MN; d. 20 Oct 1975.
13. iv. MARVIN FREDRICK BOTTGE, b. 28 May 1908, Renville, MN; d. 12 Oct 1983, St. Louis Park, MN.

6. MARY⁴ BOTTGE (*ANNA CHRISTINE³ JEPSEN, PETER², JEP¹ PETERSEN*) was born 1880, and died 1959. She married JAMES W. SPRINGER. He was born 1870, and died 1939.

Child of MARY BOTTGE and JAMES SPRINGER is:

- i. LLOYD H.⁵ SPRINGER, b. 1904; d. 1937.

Notes for LLOYD H. SPRINGER:
died of TB

7. MATTIE⁴ BOTTGE (*ANNA CHRISTINE³ JEPSEN, PETER², JEP¹ PETERSEN*) was born 1877, and died 1969. She married HANS BERGER. He was born 1869, and died 1953.

Child of MATTIE BOTTGE and HANS BERGER is:

14. i. HAROLD⁵ BERGER, b. 1917; Adopted child.

8. CHRISTIAN⁴ BOTTGE (*ANNA CHRISTINE³ JEPSEN, PETER², JEP¹ PETERSEN*) was born 16 Jul 1882, and died Sep 1975. He married MABEL WIGDAHL. She was born 1885, and died 1969.

Children of CHRISTIAN BOTTGE and MABEL WIGDAHL are:

- i. ADA⁵ BOTTGE, b. 1904.
- ii. VERNON BOTTGE, b. 1906; d. 1965.
- iii. HELEN BOTTGE, b. 1908; d. 1909.
- iv. GEORGE BOTTGE, b. 28 Oct 1910; d. May 1966.
- v. MERALD BOTTGE, b. 10 Feb 1913; d. 12 Jun 1998.
- vi. CARL BOTTGE, b. 10 Sep 1918, Correll, MN; d. 09 Jul 2003, Spring Park, MN; m. MARCELLA.

Notes for CARL BOTTGE:
They had lived in Willmar. Carl was an engineer for the Great Northern and Burlington Northern for 37 years. (e-mail from John Windhorst, Jr., 7/21/2010)

9. CHRISTINE⁴ BOTTGE (*ANNA CHRISTINE³ JEPSEN, PETER², JEP¹ PETERSEN*) was born 1889. She married HERMAN HANSON.

Child of CHRISTINE BOTTGE and HERMAN HANSON is:

- i. RUSSELL⁵ HANSON.

Notes for RUSSELL HANSON:
"...lives (or lived) in Elk Point, SD, the southeast corner of the state. He was a very successful farmer (I think pigs)." (e-mail from John Windhorst, Jr. 7/20/10)

10. ANNA⁴ JEPSEN (*HANS³, PETER², JEP¹ PETERSEN*) She married HARRY STEINHILBER.

Child of ANNA JEPSEN and HARRY STEINHILBER is:

- i. ALICE MAE⁵ STEINHILBER, b. 22 Apr 1921, Emmet Township, Renville County; d. 19 Mar 2007, Dassel, MN; m. KENNETH BERQUIST, 15 Jun 1957, Glencoe, MN.

Notes for ALICE MAE STEINHILBER:
Alice Mae Bergquist, age 85, of Dassel, died Monday, March 19, 2007 at the Dassel Lakeside Nursing Home.

The funeral service will be Tuesday, March 27 at 11 a.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Dassel with the Rev. John Peterson officiating. Interment will take place at Steelsville Cemetery in rural Dassel at a later date

Visitation will be Monday, March 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel, and will continue Tuesday, one hour prior to the service at the church.

Florine Osness will be the organist for the funeral service, and Sheldon Hedin will sing.

Casketbearers are Gale Kottke, Rob Pieper, Ron Bergquist, Harold Bergquist, George Baldwin, and David

Jepson.

Alice was born April 22, 1921, in Emmet Township, Renville County, to Harry and Anna (Jepson) Steinhilber. She graduated from Renville High School in 1939.

She worked at Bottge's Store in Renville until moving to Glencoe, where she was employed as a seamstress at Strutwear for 12 years.

Alice married Kenneth Bergquist June 15, 1957, in Glencoe. They made their home south of Dassel.

Alice had a dressmaking business in their home for almost 40 years.

She was active in Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA), Circle, Home Extension, Steelsville Birthday Club, 4-H, and served on church council and the Meeker County Extension Board.

Alice moved to the Dassel Lakeside Home in 2001.

She was a charter member of Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe. She and Ken were the first couple married at the new church.

Alice was currently a member of Gethsemane Lutheran in Dassel.

She is survived by her husband, Ken, of Dassel; daughter Carol (and Orlynn) Hegna of Granite Falls; sons Leslie (and Susan) of Granite Falls, and Keith (and Rogene) of St. Louis Park; eight grandchildren, Hannah, Liesl, Amelia, and William Bergquist; Anne and Peter Bergquist, and Karl and Kayla Hegna; brother-in-law Bob Pieper of Norwood; sisters-in-law Louise Baldwin of Litchfield and Evelyn Larson of Robbinsdale; and nieces and nephews.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Russell; and two sisters, Esther Kottke and Fern Pieper.

Funeral arrangements are by the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel.

Generation No. 5

11. ARDUS RUTH⁵ BOTTGE (*PETER JEPSON*⁴, *ANNA CHRISTINE*³ *JEPSEN*, *PETER*², *JEP*¹ *PETERSEN*) was born 15 Feb 1914 in Renville, MN. She married JOHN WILLIAM WINDHORST 07 May 1939 in Renville, MN. He was born 19 Jun 1912 in Olivia, MN, and died 03 May 1977 in Minneapolis, MN.

More About JOHN WILLIAM WINDHORST:

Burial: 06 May 1977, Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN

Children of ARDUS BOTTGE and JOHN WINDHORST are:

- i. JOHN WILLIAM⁶ WINDHORST, JR.⁷, b. 06 Jul 1940, Minneapolis, MN; m. DIANA ARANDA, 15 Feb 1975; b. 15 Feb 1939.
- ii. PETER BOTTGE WINDHORST, b. 22 May 1944, Minneapolis, MN; m. GEORGIA LEE HAFNER, 12 Jun 1995, Elko, NV; b. 06 Jun 1941, Minneapolis, MN.

12. WESLEY HANS⁵ BOTTGE (*PETER JEPSON*⁴, *ANNA CHRISTINE*³ *JEPSEN*, *PETER*², *JEP*¹ *PETERSEN*) was born 04 Jul 1911 in Renville, MN, and died 20 Oct 1975. He married RUTH G. BERGSTRAND 06 Jun 1940. She was born 29 Jan 1912, and died 19 Oct 2003.

Children of WESLEY BOTTGE and RUTH BERGSTRAND are:

- i. SANDRA RUTH⁶ BOTTGE, b. 12 Mar 1942; d. 19 Sep 1997; m. JOHN LIPKE, 04 Apr 1964; b. 01 Jan 1941.
- ii. KAREN LORRAINE BOTTGE, b. 02 Feb 1948; m. CHARLES LANDRY.
- iii. LYNN MARIE BOTTGE, b. 08 Dec 1950.

13. MARVIN FREDRICK⁵ BOTTGE (*PETER JEPSON*⁴, *ANNA CHRISTINE*³ *JEPSEN*, *PETER*², *JEP*¹ *PETERSEN*) was born 28 May 1908 in Renville, MN, and died 12 Oct 1983 in St. Louis Park, MN. He married ALVHILD SIMONSON 27 Jul 1937. She was born 23 Jan 1913, and died 24 Apr 2007.

Children of MARVIN BOTTGE and ALVHILD SIMONSON are:

- i. BRUCE FREDRICK⁶ BOTTGE, b. 19 Jan 1941, Renville, MN; d. 22 Jun 2010, Granite Falls, MN; m. MARJORIE BENSON, 17 Feb 1964.
- ii. BRIAN ADRIAN BOTTGE, b. 22 Oct 1947; m. (1) KAREN BENGSTON; m. (2) DONNA NORDANG, 01 Mar 1970.

Notes for KAREN BENGSTON:

likely Bengtson before immigration (e-mail from Karen)

14. HAROLD⁵ BERGER (*MATTIE⁴ BOTTGE, ANNA CHRISTINE³ JEPSEN, PETER², JEP¹ PETERSEN*) was born 1917. He married CAROL HAUGE.

Children of HAROLD BERGER and CAROL HAUGE are:

- i. JUDY⁶ BERGER, b. 1939.
- ii. BONNIE BERGER, b. 1940.

Endnotes

1. *Compilation of Inga Biehl Hanson, Sonderskovg 34, Aabenraa, Denmark.*
2. David Jepson (1979 trip to Denmark) from Inga Biehl Hanson.
3. New York Petitions for Naturalization.
4. 1900 United States Federal Census.
5. *Compilation of Inga Biehl Hanson, Sonderskovg 34, Aabenraa, Denmark.*
6. 1900 United States Federal Census.
7. Minnesota Birth Index, 1935-2002.