

## **Across Oceans, Across Time<sup>®</sup> ...**

### **Stories from the Family History & Genealogy Center ...**



The solemn-looking couple in this photograph is Andrew Jorgensen and Anna Clemmensen at the time of their marriage in Audubon, Iowa, in 1896. Andrew was born Anders Jørgensen in June, 1875, the fifth of ten children of tailor Peter Jørgensen and his wife, Christine Birgitte. His family emigrated in March 1882 from Odense County and settled near Hamlin, in Audubon County, where Peter and his sons farmed. Anna was born in Illinois to Danish parents. Following their marriage, Andrew and Anna had three children and farmed in various locations in western Iowa until 1916, when he moved to Audubon and started selling automobiles. He also managed a local baseball team. In 1920 Andrew ran for and was elected sheriff of Audubon County on the Republican ticket. The first sheriff to be elected for more than two terms, he held this post for seven years. During his fourth term, however, Andrew had an appendicitis attack. He underwent emergency surgery, but peritonitis set in and two days later he died at the age of 52. Following his death the petite Anna, who was already responsible for feeding inmates since the family lived in the jail, served as sheriff for a short time, and was given the nickname of "two-gun Annie." Later, her brother Fred Clemmensen, Andrew's former deputy, assumed the position. For the rest of her life Anna had no home of her own, but alternated between her three children in Iowa and California. Andrew's certificate of election, policeman's whistle and other memorabilia from his time in office are now part of the Museum collection.