

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

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



**From Aabenraa to Black Hawk** – Hans Hansen, a native of Løjt in southern Jutland, came to the US for the first time in 1891. After becoming an American citizen he traveled back to Denmark and convinced Maren Jensen to accompany him to America. On March 10, 1898, they were married in the Danish Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, New York, and then traveled to central Iowa, where they settled near Voorhies, eventually purchasing a farm and raising 11 children. The 1909 photograph (on the left) shows them slightly over a decade later with (back) Marie, 7; George, 10 ½, Amos, 9; Peter, 5 ½ (between his parents); (front) Toby, 3 ½; Margaret, 2; and Hellene, 10 days old. John, Bill and Sophie were later added to the family. -- In 1920 Maren returned to Denmark to visit her family and this became the occasion of a multi-generational photograph of the family there. Seated are Maren's sister, Marie; her mother, Kirsten Marie Jensen; Maren Jensen Hansen; and sister-in-law Kirstine Jensen with her children, Jacob, Rasmus and Ingrid. Standing: Maren's sister, Karoline and husband, Jens Sørensen; brother, Thorvald Jensen; brother Peter Jensen, holding son, Jens Christian; and brother, Julius Jensen. This time when Maren returned to the States her brother Thorvald accompanied her to join sisters Anna and Bergitte who had already immigrated. -- Hans and Maren lived to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 1948. By that time the Hansen clan had expanded to include 26 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. These photos, contributed by JoAnn Johnson of La Porte City, Iowa, are part of the Family History & Genealogy Center's summer photo exhibit, "G" is for Generations."

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