

ANDERSEN, EDVARD RUDOLPH
1879-1961

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Individual Questionnaire for

Biographical Record of Ministers

of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (in America) and its parent synods: The United Danish Ev. Luth. Church, The Danish Ev. Luth. Church Association in America and The Danish Ev. Luth. Church in North America.

(Compiled for the Synodical Historical Archives)

Personal Data: (Please give all information you can)

Full name: Edward Rudolph Andersen Sr.

Born when: Sept. 23rd 1879 where: Burt County, Nebraska by A. M. Andersen. Don't have the date.

Baptized when and where:

Confirmed when and where: April 12th 1896 at Immanuel Racine by whom: Pastor J. J. Kildsig

If immigrant, date of arrival in America: ----- located where: -----

Date of ordination: June 17, 1906 where: Trinity, Kenmare, N.D. by whom: G. B. Christiansen.

If not in above synods, when and where accepted as member pastor of our synod: -----

Retired from active ministry when: ----- why: -----

Located where: ----- occupation: -----

If dead, what date: Nov. 21, 1961 where: Lincoln B.P. Home Racine, Wis. cause: Heartstroke

Buried where: Racine date: Nov. 24th

Marriage: (1) to whom Marie Frey date and place: June 6, 1906 at Ord Nebr.

Wife's birthdate and place: Ord, Nebraska Febr. 25th 1881

Her parents: Mr. and Mrs. Christian Frey location: Lived at Ord. They are both dead.

If wife is dead, give date She died May 1, 1941 at North Bergen, N. J. Buried at Racine June 6, 1941

(2) Second wife (if any; give same information about her).....

Children (give names and other information of interest, as occupation, spouse, and present address): **Hans**
Christian Frey Andersen. Accountant. 23 Williams St., Towanda, Penn.

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Harry Frey Andersen, 1625 Blaine Belvd. Racine, Wis. Office Manager at MotorSpecalty,
Racine, Wis.

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Edward R. Andersen 1371 4th Ave W., Eugene, Ore. Pastor.

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Harold Luther Frey Andersen, 134 East Arch St., Portland, Ind. Pastor.

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LeRoy Frey A ndersen, Crest View, Pewaukee, Wis. Pastor.

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Maynard Frey Andersen, 16125 Lucas Ct., San Lorenzo, California. Grade School teacher.

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Other information on family of historical interest, i.e., members in the ministry, missionary work, teaching and medical professions, etc.:

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Educational Training: Give name of institution, location, and when attended.

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High Schools:

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Colleges (Give also degrees attained): **I received all my training at Dana College and Trin. Sem.**
B.A. and B. D.

Dana College 1900-1903
Trinity Seminary 1903-06

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Theological Schools:

Honorary Degrees received (give name of institution and date):

Other specific training:

Additional comment on above:

Ministerial Service. Please give in chronological order the names of congregations or charges served, and period of each.

First Lutheran, Fremont, Nebr. From July 1906 - June 1912. Nazereth Kenmare, with two country churches, June 1912 - September 1918. Ebemezer Lutheran, McCabe, Montana September 1918 - September 1921. Emmaus , Racine September 1921 - September 1943.

I served our church at Kansas City for two years and 8 monthes during the war. 1943-1946
Westwood Lutheran in Kansas City (SB)

In January of 1947 I was called by the churches of the National Lutheran Council and the Wisconsin Lutheran Welfare Society to be Hospital chaplain. I was installed the first Sunday in February 1947 and am still serving. *with 8 March 1957*

NOTE: Our previous biographical records were lost in the fire that destroyed the office building of the Luthoran Publishing House, Inc. in 1933. The records also had the office. This account for the missing dates. In the case of missing dates, please fill in what you can. He assured all cooperation in gathering this historically important data will be highly appreciated. Please fill in what you can, perhaps with the assistance of others acquainted with subject and we may either have it or borrow it. All our collection of cuts was also ruined in the fire. If you can refer us to any person, book or paper that can inform us further, we shall be very much obliged to you. Return this report as soon as possible to

REV. E. C. JENSEN
STATISTICIAN & HISTORIAN
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLAIN, WISCONSIN

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

President of the North Dakota District 1916 - 1921. President of the Wisconsin District
Sept. 1933 - Sept. 1939. I don't have nor remember the years I was Vice President of
our Synod. You must have that in your files.

Vicepres. of Synod 1925-1933

Other activities and official services-at-large (teaching, chaplaincy, editorial, etc., and period of each):

Literary production (books and pamphlets): Give titles and when published.

Additional information of interest:

Date *Aug 3 1957* Signed *E. R. Quaderman*

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REV. P. C. JENSEN
STATISTICIAN & HISTORIAN
UNITED EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
BLAIR, NEBRASKA

Racine, Wis. 8/3-56.

Dear Pastor P. C. Jensen:

Received your date sheet. I am sure that I haven't received any since the fire. I have been wondering if the records were destroyed in the fire. I know I filled one out some years ago.

My dad came here to Racine from Denmark some time in 1867. He was around here for a short time then he went to Manastee, Mich. and worked in the sawmills until some time in 1870 when he went back to Denmark. His father had a little farm, Gaard, they sold that and his Father and mother and, I think, 7 or 8 brothers and sisters came over together (my mother also came with them, they were married at Omaha, where they stayed for a short time. From Omaha they all went 50 miles North West, to Argo, and took homestead. I was born on the old homestead. I was baptized there by A. M. Andersen. J. P. Nielsen got my certificate for me a few years back, but I can not find it now. If you still have the old Argo church book you can get the dates from that.

My grandfathers name was Anders Petersen. My dads name was Hans, the brothers that came over that time was, Lars, Jens (he never took part in the church work.) and Jorgen. You have maybe known Lars and Jorgen. Lars died at Denver, Jorgen at Ruskin. The sisters were, Karen, Maren, Marie, think you knew her from Inisfield, Canada, her son in law was Carl Christensen. The youngest sister was Hana, she died early. Karin was the second wife of Christian Andersen who lives at Blair for many years. His daughter Anna is still there. Mrs. Rev. Hans Nielsen was a daughter from Karin's first marriage. There was a sister Stina who went out West, I think to Wyoming, lived and died there. Otto Hansen was my mother's brother and she had a brother Jens who also lives and died in Wyoming.

We moved from Argo to Blair, I think it was in 1889 and lived there until 1892 when we moved to Racine in Sept. of that year. I was here in Racine until I went out to Dana in the fall of 1900.

We were 10 children, five brothers and five sisters. My oldest sister is Mrs. Rev. Fritz Andersen, ~~she is still living.~~ She is still living at 618 P. St., Sanger, California. My oldest brother, Louis died about a year ago at Williston, N. Dak. Gerta was married to Louis Christensen and died at Dane Ville N. Dak. Nov. 6, 1943. Alvina died at Westby, N. Dak. April 25, 1949. Harry is living now at Lincoln, Nebr. Elif is at the Home for the Aged at Williston, N. Dak. Marie, married to Otto Jensen, died at Dane Ville, Oct 12, 1912. Hanna died at Dane Ville, Oct. 30, 1918. You know where Alfred is, Albert Lee. Montana

My father was born in Denmark April 8, 1847. Died at Dane Ville, Dec. 15, 1924. My mother was born in Denmark May 23, 1944, died at Dane Ville, Jan. 20, 1944. Her maiden name was Marie Hansdatter. 1949

That is about all I can tell you about the family.

Sincere greetings,

E. R. Andersen

June 23, 1941

A happy vacation trip begun May 14 brought the fulfillment of Pastor and Mrs. Andersen's longing to visit their oldest son, Christian and his wife and children. With this longing fulfilled a feeling of faintness came over Mrs. Andersen. She had suffered a slight stroke. A second followed three days later and on Saturday, May 31, just before midnight she departed this life—forever to be with her Lord.

She was laid to rest on her wedding day, Friday, June 6, 1941. Although it was a hard day for Pastor Andersen, his family and congregation, it was also a day of rejoicing—for we know where she is.

The church was well filled and 22 pastors and 16 pastors' wives were in attendance. Rev. N. B. Hansen had charge of the services. Rev. Theo M. Hansen, Wisconsin District president, spoke on 1 Cor. 13, Love seeketh not her own—Love never faileth; and Dr. J. M. T. Winther had as his text: "This also cometh from the Lord." Emmaus church choir sang two of her favorite hymns, the congregation sang two hymns. Six of the council members acted as pallbearers. Beautiful floral pieces were banked on either side of the altar which made it look festive. Pastor Wilhelmson read the obituary and the last letter written Mrs. A. for Mother's Day from her son LeRoy. When Rev. N. B. Hansen had committed the body to the grave, Pastor Andersen spoke a few words, thanking his brother pastors, the congregation and friends who so faithfully stood by him. He said in part "there is no sorrow in my heart for I know where she is, but there would be great sorrow and pain in my heart if one of mine should die and I did not know where he was gone."—Corr.

50th Anniversary as Pastor. The Rev. E. R. Andersen, Lutheran hospital

chaplain, Racine, Wis., celebrated his 50th year in the ministry on Sunday, June 17th, in Emmaus Lutheran Church, the congregation he served for nearly half of his ministerial life.

Special services were held at 9 a.m., when Rev. Andersen spoke on "Jesus

July 16, 1956

Christ, the Same, Yesterday, Today and Forever."

During the evening service the program with the theme, "This Is Your Life" was given. Following this, friends throughout the community had the opportunity to extend personal greetings to Rev. Andersen in Fellowship Hall at which time gifts were presented to him. Among the gifts was a desk clock, a remembrance from the first congregation Pastor Andersen served in Fremont, Nebraska. After the program refreshments were served.

Rev. Andersen was ordained at Kenmare, N. D., on June 17, 1906. His boyhood home was in Racine, and he was educated at Dana College and Trinity Seminary in Blair, Nebraska. He married the former Marie Frey, who died in 1941, on June 6, 1906. Congregations he has served include Kenmare, N. Dak., Fremont, Nebr., Dane Valley, Mont., and Kansas City, as well as Racine.

Pastor Andersen served as president of the North Dakota district in 1921. He served as vice-president of our synod for a number of years.

Three of his six sons are in the Lutheran ministry, Edward Andersen of Orinda, California; Harold Andersen of Portland, Indiana, and LeRoy Andersen of Pewaukee, Wisconsin. Other sons are Christian of Towanda, Pennsylvania, Harry of Racine and Maynard of Lorenzo, California. Two of the pastors, Harold and LeRoy, attended the jubilee celebration.

Rev. Andersen now resides at Lincoln Lutheran Home, and serves as supply pastor for several Lutheran churches in the community as well as hospital chaplain for National Lutheran Council members.

THE PASSING OF
MRS. E. R. ANDERSEN

Mrs. E. R. Andersen, wife of Rev. E. R. Andersen of Emmaus Luth. Church Racine, Wis., died suddenly on Saturday, May 31 at North Bergen, N.J., where she, her husband and youngest son had gone to spend their vacation.

Mrs. Andersen was born in Valley County, Nebr., a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Frey. She was baptized as an infant by Pastor S. H. Madsen at Ord, Nebr. She was confirmed by Pastor N. C. Jensen-Engholm. These confirmation days were rich in blessing. From the seed of life planted in the hour of baptism there unfolded the flower of a living Christian faith. Later she attended Dana College. It was there she met Pastor Andersen. They were married on June 6, 1906 by Pastor J. A. Larsen, Cushing, Nebr.

For 35 years she labored wholeheartedly at her husband's side as they served the Lord together. Her quiet kindly ways and good judgment were invaluable aid to the work of her husband.

Seven sons were born to this union. One died in infancy, but six lived to know and cherish the love and care of a praying mother. Surviving are her husband and Christian of North Bergen, N. J., Edward of Santa Crus, Cal., LeRoy in the navy at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Harold in the army at Fort Bragg, N.C., Harry and Maynard of Racine, Wis., and her mother, Mrs. C. Frey and a brother James T. Frey of Wilmington, Cal., two sisters, Mrs. O. Jensen of Home Glen, Canada, and Mrs. L. Larsen of Ericson, Nebr., and six grandchildren.

Despite a heart ailment left with Mrs. Andersen by an attack of Rheumatic Fever when she was 19, her days both as a pastor's wife and mother were filled with labors of devotion.
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living gospel. To the extent Christ is re

Kære Pastor Jensen -

Jeg var i Byen forleden
og en af Mrs. H. Andersens
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Hjertelig hilsen

Mrs. Jens Jensen

Aar 1941 ?

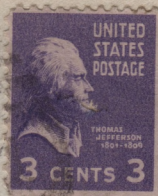
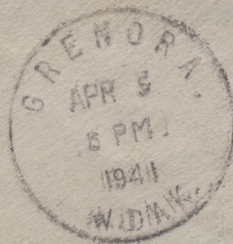
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Kære Pastor Jensen

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til nærmere hendes fødselsdag
Maj 23 Hilsen fra Ægemmet
Mrs. Jens Jensen

Jens Jensen
R. 3 Westby
Mont.



Rev. P. C. Jensen
Blair

From Dr. John R. Anderson
Racine, Wis. 4-29-41.

Dear Parker Jensen:

Wards of God!

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