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ANDERSEN, FRITS  
1865-1934



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: Frits Andersen
Born when: Sept. 13, 1865 where: Hamborg, Fyn, Denmark
Baptized when and where: Hamborg
Confirmed when and where: Hamborg by whom:
If immigrant, date of arrival in America: 1894 located where: Dana College, Blair Neb.
Date of ordination: June 10, 1894 where: Omaha Neb. (?) by whom: Rev. H. B. Christensen
Retired from active ministry when: because of ill health
Located where: Viborg S. Dak. occupation:
If dead, what date: Sept. 22, 1934 where: Viborg S.D. cause: heart trouble
Buried where: Spring valley near Viborg date: Sept. 25, 1934

Marriage: (1) to whom: Cassilla Marie Andersen date and place: June 19, 1894 Racine Wis
Wife's birthdate and place: Omaha Neb. Oct. 19, 1870
Her parents: Hans Marie Andersen location: Deceased

If wife is dead, give date: Aug. 16, 1956 at Sanger, Calif. buried Aug. 23 at Spring Valley Cemetery, Viborg S.D.
(2) Second wife (if any; give same information about her)

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Frits  
Andersen



Children (give names and other information of interest, as occupation, spouse, and present address): .....

Louise Marie, husband Dr. E. P. Eskildsen practicing in Seager, Cal.

Anna Andrea, Mrs. H. A. Hansen, Kansas City

Edward Wilhelm 644 Ivy St. Glendale, Calif.

Agnes Margate, Mrs. G. C. Seitzman 353 Brett Inglewood Cal.

Lydia Petrus, Mrs. Lester Nielsen, Wiborg, S. Dak.

Raymond Alvin, Irene, S. Dak.

Claron Howard 3528 Encinal Ave. La Brea, Calif.

Two children Agnete and Alvin, died in infancy.

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

Silas died in 1932 at age of 25

Richard died in 1952 at age of 53 leaving widow and 10 children

Dr. & Mrs. Eskildsen were missionaries in Manchuria from 1922 to 1940

Edward Eskildsen son of Louise was ordained to the ministry this year <sup>1954</sup> at Audubon, Ia, his first charge will be at Indianapolis

Allison Hansen son of Anna was ordained last year 1953 at ~~Blair~~ Atlantic Iowa, present charge is Minden, Neb.

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

High Schools: .....

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Colleges (Give also degrees attained): Dana College and Trinity Seminary

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Theological Schools: .....

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

Other specific training: .....

Additional comment on above: ..... Was secretary of Iowa district  
for 11 years. (mother does not remember the dates.)

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

1. Upland, Franklin Co, Webster Co, + Kearney Co. June 1894 to Aug. 1896
2. Walbach + Cushing Apr. 1896 to July 1897
3. Mason City, Nebr. and Ord, Nebr. (established Ord Congregation 1897)  
July 1897 to Jan. 1903
4. Wayne and Winside Nebr Jan. 1903 to Nov. 1903
5. Wisner Nebr. Nov. 1903 to Jan 1907
6. Rolfe Iowa <sup>and Callender</sup> Jan. 1907 to Nov. 1915
7. Sioux City Iowa Nov. 1915 to Aug. 1921
8. Spring valley, Viborg S. Dak 1921 - 1929  
Turkey valley
9. Exira and Hamlin Iowa 1929 to 1932



Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

Secretary of Iowa district for 11 years  
(mother does not remember the years.)

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 July 11, 1954 Signed

Mrs. J. Anderson

618 P St. Sanger, Calif

NOTE: Our previous biographical records were lost in the tragic fire that destroyed the office building of the Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebr., Febr. 15, 1953, where the synodical historian also had his office. This accounts for the detailed questionnaire now. In the case of deceased members of our clergy we are largely dependent upon living members of their family for correct data. Be 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. Furthermore, if you have clippings or other material about the person concerned, especially a photo or picture of him, and we may either have it or borrow it, please send it along. 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. P. C. JENSEN  
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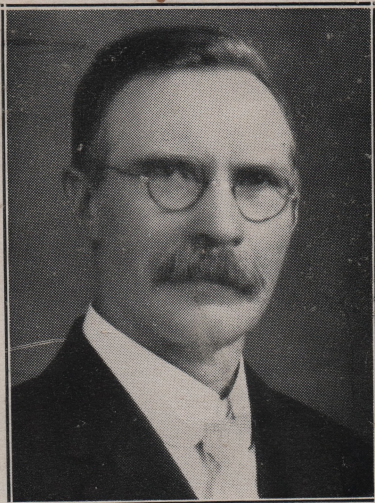
Parents: Father (give name, birthplace, occupation, residence, etc.) : Anders Andersen

residence Gumborg, Fyn

occupation weaver. birth place unknown.

Mother (give her maiden name, birthplace, home before marriage, etc.)

Margrete Andersen  
maiden name unknown



Rev. Fritz Andersen

Vitry, So Dak  
Sept. 18, 1956

Dear Pastor Jensen:

Maybe the family has by this time sent you a write-up about Mrs. Fritz Andersen. Well, I am sending you my copy which you can use if you like, but I desire it back again. I am also enclosing you a sample copy of our monthly bulletin from the parish. You might note Dr. Jessild mention of Mrs. Andersen. The news papers clipped that part only the obituary.

At Spring Valley Lutheran church, Pastor Alfred Andersen her brother gave a short talk, his son read the obituary and Pastor Edlund read the <sup>personal</sup> greeting from Dr. Jessild. Pastor + Mrs. Allison sang at the church. The local pastor also gave a short talk. Left 2 Thurs. 4:13 P.M.  
over.



From the altar service, Pastor read from  
the Word of God, the local pastor lead in  
prayer and Pastor Alfred read the  
Apostles Creed of our faith. The  
altar service came before the talks  
from the pulpit, and the closing  
song by congregation, "We are  
in our fathers hand"

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Pastor, this gives a little information  
of the service here as I know  
are the one who keep the death  
records of pastors & their wives is  
this not correct.

Greetings.

Pastor & Mrs. K. S. Madsen



You do not need to send this back.

THE PARISH BULLETIN

Jerome Gen Sorensen, born, Jan. 8th. 1956 at Yankto, S. D. son of Glennore & Ethel Sorensen was baptized, August, 15th. 1956 at Spring Valley Lutheran Church. The sponsors were Mr. & Mrs. Lorell Sorensen.

Timothy Lee Sorensen, born, June, 8th. 1956 at Yankton, S. D. son of Mr. Lorell & Virginia Sorensen, was baptized, August, 15th. 1956, Spring Valley Lutheran church. The sponsors were Mr. & Mrs. Glenmore Sorensen.

Roger Lee Andersen and Audrey Ione Jensen were married on the Lord's Day, August, 12, 1956 at 7:30 p.m. at Spring Valley Lutheran Church.

Lloyd Harold Harper and Rosalie Mae Jensen were married on the Lord's Day, August, 26, 1956 at Spring Valley Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m.

died

Mrs. Mary Isabel Sorensen died Sunday, August, 19, 1956 at the hospital in Yankton, S. D. The funeral was from Bethany Lutheran church at Viborg, Wednesday, August, 22, 1956 at 2:00 p.m. and burial in Spring Valley Lutheran cemetery.

Mrs. Camilla Marie Andersen, wife of Pastor Frits Andersen, was born in Omaha, Nebraska, Oct. 19, 1870 died in Sanger, California, August, 16, 1956. Funeral services were also held here at Spring Valley Lutheran church and burial was in the church cemetery besides her husband, August, 23, 1956.

A telegram was received from Pastor C. M. Videbeck, Iowa District president the afternoon of the funeral. He expresses his condolence to the Andersens on behalf of the Iowa District. Pastor C. M. Videbeck, Pres. Iowa.

Dr. H. C. Jersild sent his personal greetings. "I recall Mrs. Andersen with very such faithfulness. She and her husband were our close neighbors when we served our first parish in Viborg, S. D. They were a source of valuable counsel and strong encouragement to a young pastor just getting on his feet. I treasure the memory of their fellowship as I served in my first parish. May God bless the memory of the laborers. They served with such sincere faithfulness and such unselfish devotion. We are grateful as a Synod for the fruit which God called upon them to harvest as well for the fields they plowed and sowed. Greetings with the word of God as recorded in Rev. 14:13." Hans C. Jersild.

Turkey Valley Lutheran church Spring Valley Lutheran Church  
Pastor H. S. Madsen, Rt. 1, Viborg, S. D.

Morning Worship at..... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School..... 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday School at..... 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship at..... 11:00 a.m.  
Ladies aid meets at the church on Wed. Sept. 5th. Jumbo lunch, at 2 p.m. Ladies aid meets the church at 2 p.m.  
Luther League meets Thursday, Sept. 20th. at the Eddie Olson's at 8 p.m. Mrs. Axel Christensen & Mrs. Jorgen Danielsen are hostesses.  
Luther league meets at Royal Paulsen's home Mon. Sept. 10th. at 8 p.m.

The Luther League rally for this circuit: Bethany, Bersford, Rockfield, Turkey Valley Lutheran & Spring Valley Lutheran Leagues, is planned for second Sunday in October at 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Our parish is to be host this year at Spring Valley Lutheran church. At Bersford the mothers of the young people did the serving. The young people paid .50 for the lunch. This works something like the W. M. S. serving.

Habits!! Oh yes, what about your example; fathers & mothers is it a good example to bring children to Sunday School and not stay for church with them?? We have short Sunday School periods because we look for the whole family in church. Please talk to God in prayer about it.

The Royal Iowa Luther League is inviting for the Iowa District league convention, October 31 to Nov. 3, 1956.

Thanks to the men & women for help cleaning & painting at the church and parsonage. Thanks for service at the chicken dinner.

Sept. 1956.