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1899-1964

215 Alfred Jensen

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: Alfred Jensen

Born when: March 25, 1899 where: Cumberland, Maine

Parents: Andrew & Cecelia (Thomsen) Jensen
Baptized when and where: Mar. 28, 1899 by Rev. P.P. Thoreby, Falmouth, Me.

Confirmed when and where: Westbrook, Me. May 18, 1913 by whom: Rev. Chr. Christansen

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

Date of ordination: June 12, 1927 where: Annual Conv. Blair, Neb by whom: Rev. N.C. Carlsen, Pres. UDELIC

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

Retired from active ministry when: (died in service) why:

Located where: occupation:

If dead, what date: Dec. 22, 1964 where: Clifton, Ill. cause: heart ailment

Buried where: date

Marriage: (1) to whom Lydia Petersen (daughter of Rev. P.M. Petersen) date and place:

Wife's birthdate and place:

Her parents: Rev. & Mrs. P.M. Petersen location: Northfield, Minn.

If wife is dead, give date (yes):

(2) Second wife (if any; give same information about her): Lillian Brenholdt, Cushing, Wis.

married 1929

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

Only one daughter: Lillian Rose Rosell Jensen  
married to Stanley George Erhart from White Bear Lake, Minn. July 31, 1954.  
Home 1234 Rose Vista Court, St. Paul, Minn.

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

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

High Schools: Westbrook, Me. 1914-18

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): Dana College 1920-21; Blair College  
St. Olav College, Northfield, Minn. 1921-24

Theological Schools: Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. 1924-26  
Trinity Seminary, Blair, Neb. 1926-27.

Honorary Degrees received (give name of institution and date): ..... none

Cushing, Wis.

June 1927 - Feb. 1931

Our Saviours, Neenah, Wis.

Feb. 1931 - July 1938

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, Cushing, Wis.

June 1927 - Febr. 1931

Our Saviours, Neenah, Wis.

Febr. 1931 - July 1938

St. Matthews, Laurens, N.Y.

July 1938 - Jan. 1940

Nazareth, Coulter, Iowa

Febr. 1940 - Apr. 1945

Pella/Brorson, Sidney, Montana

Apr. 1945 - Sept. 1956

Zion, Clifton, Ill

Sept. 1956 - Dec. 22, 1964

### Former Local Pastor Dies In Illinois

1964

Word has been received by friends here of the death of the Rev. Alfred Jensen, former pastor of Pella Lutheran Church. Rev. Jensen passed away at his home in Clifton, Illinois, on December 22.

The deceased was born in 1899 at Cumberland, Maine. He is survived by his widow and one daughter.

Funeral services were held December 27 at Clifton and burial rites were held on December 29 at Cushing, Wisconsin.

Rev. Jensen was pastor of a church at Clifton at the time of his death.

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

..... President North Dakota-Montana District 1945 - 1952 .....

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

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

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Additional information of interest:

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Date ..... Signed .....

**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

Sidney Herald Jan 8 1954

Rev. Jensens Celebrate Silver Anniversary 1954

Wedding bells rang again after 25 years for Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Jensen Sunday, March 28, as they walked into a reception at Pella Lutheran church to the strains of Lohengrins "Wedding March", where friends and relatives gathered for a silver anniversary as the first in a series of events commemorating the Jensen's 25 years of married life.

After a light supper, the special guests for the evening were introduced and welcomed by the toastmaster, Dr. Carlson. A dessert of wedding cake and ice cream was served. Following this the quartet, consisting of S. Braaten, Tony Hundt, Chris Iverson and Aril Sundwal, sang two numbers: "The Riches of Love" and "Standing In the Need of Prayer." Nels Bach gave an entertaining, but factual account of their courtship and married life to date. An original poem by Mrs. Jacob Miller was presented by her on the theme, "If With All Your Heart", and "O, Lord Most Holy" was sung by Charlotte Hanson, Edith Baadsgaard, Lorene Sax, Shirley Sorenson and Marlene Martin.

Iver Iverson, president of the congregation, presented the guests of honor with a gift of silver and sterling flatware. The first response was given by Mrs. Jensen, the second by Rev. Jensen who pleasantly acquainted the group with his visiting relatives and friends by his reminiscing.

Silver, pink and white carried out the spring wedding theme with pink snapdragons, white candles and silver bells accenting the specially decorated wedding cakes on each table.

Out of town guests were Rosell Jensen, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. Jensen, and Stanley Erhardt, both of Minneapolis; Mrs. Brenholdt, Mrs. Jensen's mother, Mrs. Arthur Skone of Iowa, and Mrs. P. R. Nielsen, Wisconsin, sisters of Mrs. Jensen; Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Brenholdt and children, Nancy and Bruce of Iowa, brother of Mrs. Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. John Larson of Westbrook, Maine, sister of Rev. Jensen.

For Rev. and Mrs. Jensen on Their 25th Wedding Anniversary March 30, 1954

On yonder Atlantic's sea shore The waves are rolling high They are surging, yes roaring and rising 'Til it seems they will reach the sky. Our lives are just a turmoil The tide goes out and comes in But Jesus speaks to our restless hearts And we have peace within.

It was on the eastern sea-coast The stork had an errand that night When he brought Alfred to Jensens On this particular flight. In Maine he spent his boyhood Where he roamed the wooded land Or would play along the sea-shore Building castles in the sand.

His father worked in paper mills To earn their daily bread And when the evening whistle blew The homeward path he'd tread Yes, home to his wife and children To the ones who really care And there at the family altar They came before God in prayer.

His mother possessed an apron A checkered one you see And hasn't our pastor told us How she took him across her knee? But also, I think this apron Has wiped away childish tears

That the whole congregation was there.

God blessed them in His service And in their home as well For he gave to them a daughter And they named the child Rozelle.

One day they received a letter A "Call" was its content From Brorson and from Pella Should they to this "Call" consent? The question was brought to their Master And they prayed "direct thou our way."

While we, in Sidney, Montana Just wondered what they would say.

We too asked of God the Father That His holy will might be done For thus in dark Gethsemane, Prayed Jesus, His Only Son. Soon off drove Reverend Jensen, Yes, he and his faithful hound They traveled on for miles and miles For Sidney they were bound.

They arrived in very fine spirits But alas, the poor dog got lost, "I have got to find my poochie, No matter what be the cost." The poochie however, did not return But soon the family came. Reverend told them of the poor dog's fate And they all bemoaned the same.

They now have been here for nine years And so much has taken place He preaches from God's Holy Word Of His great unbounded grace. I worked in Reverend's office So I know him quite well And since we now are neighbors This story I venture to tell.

A neighbor had a party And many ladies were there Then Mrs. Jensen too came in And sat down in her chair, "I s'pose you heard about the wreck That Reverend Jensen had O' don't get too excited It wasn't very bad."

Yes, one and all were telling About that fateful day That Reverend went to Bismarck When a car got in his way. But he had not told mama, What it was all about, I guess that he considered She soon would find it out

So then each lady present Would add her little bit And when they all had spoken She had the "straight" of it (we hope). It seems I have written volumes There still is much to say So I leave the rest to others, But kindly let me convey,

To you, our "Minister Jensen," And your dearly beloved wife Best wishes for many additional years Of blissful wedded life. Then I think of the island of Patmos Where sat the Apostle of old John saw the souls of the ransomed In that beautiful city of gold. Saints were singing "The Song of Redemption"

Praising Jesus, their Bridegroom and King. Dear Lord, may we too be among those Who always Your praises shall sing. Thou has said in thy word "I come quickly,

To take my Bride with me home." And so, we are waiting Lord Jesus, Yes, waiting for you to come. Ethel Jensen Miller.

Obituary

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Jacob Wiederrich, son of Jacob and Friedrika Weiderrich, was born at Yankton, South Dakota on January 27, 1875. He died Monday, March 29 at 1 p. m. at the age of 79 years, two months and two days.

During his boyhood he lived in the vicinity of Tripp, S. D., and it was there that on February 3, 1895, he was married to Johanna Buckler, who survives him. Some years later they left their South Dakota home, and moved to North Dakota, where they homesteaded near Glen Ullin for about ten years. Following this they came to Sidney, which was about in the year 1924. Here Mr. Weiderrich found employment as a carpenter for many years. He enjoyed good health throughout his lifetime, having

Mike Stevenson --

Lillian Jensen, Stanley Erhardt Wed July 31st 1954

At 7:00 p. m., July 31, Miss Lillian Rosell Jensen, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Jensen of Sidney, became the bride of Stanley George Erhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Erhardt of White Bear Lake, Minn., at Pella Lutheran church, Sidney, Mont.

The Rev. Karl Mathiesen of Minneapolis, the groom and bride's pastor, gave the wedding address and the Rev. Alfred Jensen performed the double ring wedding ceremony for his daughter.

Miss Elaine Iversen at the pipe organ played nuptial music before the ceremony. She also accompanied Mrs. Edward Thogersen of Sidney on the violin and Miss Jane Maland, Williston, North Dakota, a college classmate of the bride, who sang "Oh Perfect Love" before the ceremony and "Wedding Prayer," and "Lord's Prayer," during the ceremony.

Standards of white and pink gladioli and candelabra decorated the chancel of the church. Window boxes at each window were filled with pink and white garden flowers. Lighted tapers, trimmed with pink and white sweetpeas and ribbon, marked the entrance to each pew.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore a princess style gown of embroidered and lace-trimmed imported French silk over pink taffeta, fashioned with a fitted bodice and high neckline and a bouffant floor length skirt. Her blush tulle fingertip veil fell from a rhinestone tiara which had been worn by the bride's mother on her wedding day. She carried a rubrum lily and white gladioli bouquet.

Miss Ruby Andersen of Minneapolis was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Doris Dasinger, Sidney, and Miss Bonnie Beth Brenholdt, Ogden, Iowa, a cousin of the bride. All wore identical street length gowns of dotted pink nylon, and carried pink gladiola purses and wore pink head bands.

Little Mary Larsen of Wolf Point was the flower girl. She wore a floor length dress of dotted white nylon over pink with a matching white head band and also carried a pink gladioli purse. The bride's cousin, Bruce Brenholdt of Ogden was ring bearer and wore a white linen suit and carried the rings on the stamen of a rubrum lily.

Irving Brenholdt, New York City, an uncle of the bride, was best man. Robert Atkinson, White Bear Lake, and Matt Dasinger, Sidney, were ushers. All wore white tuxedo jackets.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Jensen wore a navy blue nylon lace dress with pink accessories and a corsage of pink rosebuds. Maternal grandmother of the bride wore a copenhagen blue silk dress and a corsage of pink roses and white daisies.

I. V. Nielsen, Wisconsin, sisters of Mrs. Jensen; Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Brenholdt and children, Nancy and Bruce of Iowa, brother of Mrs. Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. John Larson of Westbrook, Maine, sister of Rev. Jensen.

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And there at the family altar  
They came before God in prayer.  
His mother possessed an apron  
A checkered one you see  
And hasn't our pastor told us  
How she took him across her knee?  
But also, I think this apron  
Has wiped away childish tears  
For who on earth can as mother  
Dispel a child's troubles and fears?  
So with her dear children around her  
She taught them of God and His love  
And prayed that none might be missing  
In the heavenly realms up above.  
Long since she has finished life's  
journey  
Her victory truly was won  
For she had faith in her Saviour  
God's only begotten Son.  
Please go with me to Wisconsin  
We will pause at the Brenholdt estate  
A green house truck is approaching  
And stops before their gate.  
It is bringing a lovely "Lilly,"  
To this devoted pair.  
They thank God for this precious  
child  
For their joy is beyond compare.  
They brought her to Jesus early  
His blessing on her to bestow.  
She also was taught in her childhood  
Her loving Saviour to know.  
In Sunday school she was busy  
Bringing children God's holy word  
As teacher and Superintendent  
She was serving her blessed Lord  
A young pastor came to Cushing  
He needed a capable mate  
He fell deeply in love with Lily  
And asked her for a date.  
At first she was quite reluctant  
As often young ladies are,  
But soon she accepted his diamond  
Which shone like a brilliant star.  
Eventually they were married  
It was really a gala affair  
For you and I can imagine

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The deceased was a devoted husband and father. He had been a member of the Ebenezer Congregational church of Sidney, for a good number of years.

Those who survive him are his bereaved widow, Mrs. Johanna Wiederrich; one daughter, Katie, Mrs. Alexander Moll of Alberta, Canada; and three sons, Albert, of Havre, Mont.; Samuel, of Edgeley, N. D., and Edward of Sidney; 29 grandchildren, and 24 great grandchildren. Six children preceded him in death, three of these died in early infancy, and three, Martha, Mrs. Anton Leingang, and Jacob and Benjamin, in recent years.

Pallbearers for Mr. Wiederrich were six grandsons, namely: Melvin, Alvin, LeRoy J., LeRoy M., Harold and Ervin Wiederrich.

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Following the ceremony a reception was held in the church parlors. Hurricane lamps, white and pink sweetpeas, and crystal ware were appointed both the serving and bride's tables. A four tiered wedding cake, baked by the bride and her mother and beautifully decorated by Mrs. Curtis Rasmussen, centered the serving table. A delicious lunch was served by the Ladies' Aids of the Pella and Brorson Lutheran churches. Miss Ardis Hundtoft served the lunch. Mesdames Lenna Simard and Betty Propp poured. Mrs. Nels Bach cut the wedding cake. Jane Olesen, Betty Dige, Charlotte Hansen, Marlene Martin, Ester Dynnesen, and Leona Franz helped serve. Miss Judith Nielsen, Luck, Wisconsin, a cousin of the bride, was in charge of the guest book.

During the reception the best man proposed a toast to the bride and groom. Appropriate remarks were given by the Rev. Alfred Andersen, Froid, Mont., and the Rev. Karl Matthiesen, Mpls. Miss Elaine Iversen at the piano and Mrs. Marjorie Thogersen on the violin played background music. Miss Jane Maland and a male quartet composed of Tony Hundtoft, Chris Iversen, Aril Sunwall and S. H. Braaten sang several musical selections.

The bride graciously thanked everyone for the lovely gifts and those who assisted with the wedding. She also invited the guests to her home to view the wedding gifts immediately following the reception.

For going away the bride chose a beige linen dress with avocado green accessories and a rubrum lily corsage from her wedding bouquet. Following a short wedding trip to the Black Hills the couple will be at home at 1234 Rose Vista Court, St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. Erhardt is a graduate of Sidney high school and attended St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., and is a graduate of Northwest School of Medical Technology, Minneapolis. Mr. Erhardt, a graduate of White Bear high school, White Bear, Minn., served two years in the United States Navy and two years in the Army Air Corp and is now employed with the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Margaret Brenholdt, grandmother, Cushing, Wis.; Irving Brenholdt, New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Brenholdt, Bonnie Beth, Nancy, and Bruce, Ogden, Iowa; Rev. and Mrs. K. M. Mathieson, Mpls., Minn.; Judith Nielsen, Luck, Wis.; Ruby Anderson, Mpls., Minn.; Robert Atkinson, White Bear Lake; Lawrence Brandl, White Bear Lake; Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Andersen, Froid, Mont.; Mr. and Mrs. James Larsen, Robert, Mark and Mary, Wolf Point; Miss Jane Maland, Williston; Mr. and Mrs. Luane Johnson, Odin, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Homstad, Fairview, Mont.