

JEN-977  
Box 4  
PACKET 16

JEPPESEN, CHRISTEN  
1887-1971

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)

*F. Jeppesen*

Personal Data: (Please give all information you can)

Full name: *Christen Jeppesen*

Born when: *Nov. 14, 1887* where: *Vesterhalne Karr, Vadum Sogn, Vendsyssel Denmark*

Baptized when and where: *Nov. 17. - at the home - because of sickness*  
*- presented at the church April 13, 1888 -* by whom: *Past. Jakob Holm*

Confirmed when and where: *1902 at Vadum Luth. Ch. Denmark* by whom: *Past. Jeppesen-Kerstoft*

If immigrant, date of arrival in America: *March 22, 1906* located where: *Atlantic, Iowa*

Date of ordination: *June 18, 1916* where: *Harlan, Iowa* by whom: *Rev. G. B. Christiansen*

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

Retired from active ministry when: *June 1965* why: *old age, 49 years in service*

(Located where: *Bethany Lutheran Church, Ord, Neb.* occupation: *- Pastor emer.*)

If dead, what date: where: cause:

Buried where date

Marriage: (1) to whom *Anna K. Nielsen* *letter of 3/28/66 said Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>* date and place: *June 25, 1916, at Elk Horn Ia.*

Wife's birthdate and place: *March 25, 1887, at Vonsild, Denmark*

Her parents: *Niels S. & Hedevig Nielsen* location: *of Vonsild, Denmark*

If wife is dead, give date *March 1, 1966, at Ord, Nebraska*

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

Theological Schools:

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

Herbert C. Teppesen, br. May 11, 1921 at Indianapolis, Ind.  
served in World War II; attended Dana College 3 yrs. bef. military serv.; after serv.  
studied at Wisconsin Univ., grad. M.A.; Buyer for Montgomery Ward, Chicago, Ill. <sup>wife: Ruth Nielsen, daughter of Rev. Mr. Frank Nielsen</sup>

Paul A. Teppesen, br. June 27, 1925 at Indianapolis Ind.; served World  
War II - overseas; attended & graduated from Dana College 1950; attended Minn.  
Univ. 1950-51; - is now (1954) taking post graduated work at Claremont College, Pomona, Ca.  
- for teaching -

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: Nørre Sundby Realskole, Denm., 1903, -04, -05; graduated  
attended The Elk Horn, Iowa, <sup>Folk</sup> College three terms, 1907-08, 09;

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): .....

Dana College, Blair, Neb., 1910 - 1912; Pro Seminary

Theological Schools: Trinity Seminary, Blair, Neb. - 1912 - 1915

Chicago Lutheran Seminary, Maywood, Ill., 1915 - 16

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.

*Indianapolis, Ind.*

First Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, - June 1916 - Sept. 1937.

- - lived in Atlantic, Ia. Sept '37 - May '43 because of family sickness; did now and then a little assistant work in pulpits; but else salesman work.

Charge of: Bethany Ev. Luth. Church Ord. Mbr., Dannewirk Luth. Church, Farwell Luth. Church, Farwell, Mbr. & Elba Lutheran Congregation, Elba, Mbr.

since in May 1943 ~~to Oct 1954~~ (March 1954) June 1965

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Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

President of Illinois District Sund. School Comm. a couple of years, or so

President of Illinois District Luther League for a couple of years or so

Secretary of Illinois District of the U. D. E. L. Church for a few years

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

Literary production

Parents: Father (give name, birthplace, occupation, residence, etc.) *Kristian Jeppesen*  
*Son of Norlang, Vadum Soqn, Denmark;*  
 Farmer at Vesterhalne Kaer, Vadum Soqn, Denmark; *Died March 29, 1887.*

Mother (give her maiden name, birthplace, home before marriage, etc.)  
*Maren Nielsen; br. of Oesterhalne, Vadum Soqn, Denmark;*  
*Home bef. marr.:- Oesterhalne, Vadum Soqn, Denmark; Died Sept. 6, 1896*

Date *March 19, 1954* Signed *Christen Jeppesen*

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Return this report as soon as possible to

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

Ord, Nebr., d. 8 Juli, '53

Kære Ven, Past. Jensen:-

Som Svar paa din Forespørgsel tjener følgende  
Min Hustrus Pigenavn var: Anna K. (Kathrine) Nielsen  
Vi blev viet i Elk Horn, Ia., d. 26 Juni, 1916 af  
Pastor C.C. Kloth.

Herbert C. - blev født d. 11 Maj, 1921 i Indiana-  
polis, Indiana. Han er 'buyer' ved Montgomery  
Ward Co., Chicago, Ill.

Paul A. - blev født d. 27 Juni, 1925 samme Steds.  
Han er 'teller' ved the Bank of America, Pomona,  
Calif.

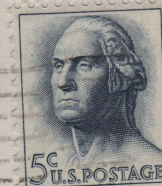
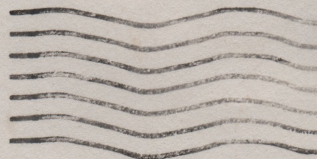
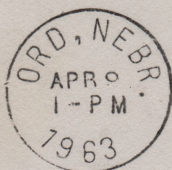
Her er et Billede Du kan have om Du ønsker det.

Tak for Din broderlige Hilsen.

Maa Gud velsigne Dig i Dit meget betydningsfulde  
Arbejde.

Venligst, *C. Jeppesen*

CHRISTEN JEPPESEN  
405 N. 18TH ST.  
ORD, NEBR.



*Rev. C. C. Jensen*  
*115 So. 18th Street*

*Beard, Nebraska*

Ord, Neb., April 8, 1963

Doct. P. C. Jensen  
Olin, Neb.

Dear Brother: -

Thanks very much for your letter of April 1st  
with your kind words about my eye-operation  
in Chicago. Yes, thanks to God everything came  
out well. God blessed me.

Yes, your letter about the Audubon Friend-  
ship Home Chaplaincy was a surprise. Thanks  
for your kind thoughts and interest in the matter  
on my behalf.

But right to the point; as I have stated before on  
occasions, I am too old to start in any new  
work for others. It would also be unwise  
for a Home, like that, to ~~have~~ get a Chaplain that old.

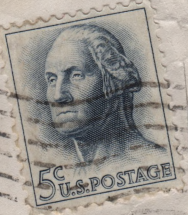
As to our retirement it will, of course, have to  
come; but my resignation has so far been  
rejected; however it will someday have to come.

Then as to where we will locate it will  
work some way. Olin is a good place, and  
good friends there, but we will see.

- But again thanks to you, brother; and  
our greetings and best wishes to you, and  
Yours; - My God bless you! Anna & Virginia Jensen

*C. Jeppesen  
Ord, Nebr.*

ORD, NEBR.  
MAR 5  
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1966



*Rev. P. O. Jensen  
Blair,  
Nebr.*

*The Twenty-Third Psalm*

*THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT.  
HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES:  
HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.  
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE  
PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE..  
YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF  
THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL:  
FOR THOU ART WITH ME; THY ROD AND THY STAFF  
THEY COMFORT ME. THOU PREPAREST A TABLE  
BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:  
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP  
RUNNETH OVER.. SURELY GOODNESS AND  
MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS  
OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL DWELL IN THE  
HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR EVER.....*

In Memory of

**ANNA K. JEPPESEN**

Born March 25, 1887  
Vonsild, Jutland, Denmark

Died March 1, 1966  
Ord, Nebraska

Age 78 years, 11 months and 6 days

Services March 4, 1966; 2:00 P.M.

Bethany Lutheran Church  
Ord, Nebraska

Rev. John Nordgaard, officiating

Mrs. Bina Laussen, organist

Congregational singing

Rock of Ages #302 4 Verses

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less  
#314 3 Verses

**PALLBEARERS**

Chris Johnson                      Art Larsen  
Albert Clausen                     Albert Kirby  
Kenneth Rasmussen                Dean Gross

**INTERMENT**

City Cemetery                      Ord, Nebraska

**ARRANGEMENTS BY**

Hastings-Pearson Mortuary  
Ord, Nebraska





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Rev Chris Jappesen  
myself  
& wife Anna  
Mama

&  
Ernest Grill

the Rev. E. Grill  
of Minton, Mo.

Facet 1952 of Denmark  
1953 at Denmark  
1966

KODAK  
ELECTRO  
TYPE

Ork, Nebraska, d. 26 Marts  
1966.

Kære Vene og Broder: -

Mange Tak for din Venlighed at sende  
mig dette Brev af "Dansk Pioneer".

Det var interessant at se Blevet igen, det  
har forandret sig meget i løbet af  
vel ogsaa i Indhold fra det tilbage.

Tak for Meddelelsen om Annas Død, det  
var meget godt. - Kom en lille trykkestyl om  
datsen for det Byflugt - det var den 25 June.

Tak ogsaa for Indvordelsen og for Blevet,  
Tak ogsaa for Opfordringen om at komme til  
Blair, Jeg bliver nok her foreløbig, jeg er  
lidt i Arbejde her med at hjælpe i Husene om  
Løntjenen, ogsaa med Huset og nu og da.

Til Sommeren tager jeg måske en lille  
Ture til Danmark, jeg har ofte ønsket dette, men  
har ikke haft Anledning. - Igaa Tak for din  
Venlighed, og Kærlig Hilsen til dig og din Kære Hustru,  
- det er godt i ender man hinanden.

Dear Brothers & Sister in Christ:

Thanks in behalf of your sincere sympathy.

Yes, Anna had been feeling more & more for long time.

That is probably the reason we stayed at Ork.

I would like to see you soon & your question.

Hope you see read them - I hope you see with me.

Paul and Ole were in Palestine; we only arrived at  
them Friday afternoon. - My best love to you!

Yours  
Ernest Grill

ITEM INVENTORY LIST

JEN-977-4 Jensen, P.C. (1977)

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Biographical Record of Ministers-Jeppesen. Includes lists of churches served and dates of ordination for the pastors listed.

Letter ID#	To	From	Postdate	Origin	Destination	Language	C/L/
	Jensen, P.C. (Peder Christian)	Jeppesen, Christen	04/08/1963	Ord, Nebraska	Blair, Nebraska	eng	1/e
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CONTENTS:	4 page biography of Jeppesen, Christen				
	Funeral card				03/04/1966
CONTENTS:	funeral of Anna Jeppesen, wife of Jeppesen, Christen				

Just this also *From P.C.J.*

in case I don't see you soon:  
 In your biogr.data I note that she was born March 25, 1887, at Vonsild, Jylland and her parents were Niels S. and Hedevig Nielsen ~~xxx~~. As I am Korr. for D.D. Pioneer I would like to know also ffl. ---  
 When year did she come to America? *about 1892*  
 Was her parents with her? *Her father died 1889. Her mother remarried, somewhere '92.*  
 Where did she or they locate? *In Cedar Falls, Ia.; mother died there 1894.*  
 Where did you meet her? *The children came to Chickasaw Home, Ark Home, Ia., later with Peder's son.*  
 (You were married June 26, 1916, at Elk Horn, Ia.)  
 Besides you, two sons & wives, what other near relatives survive ~~x~~ her and where located? *Only niece & a nephew.*  
 What else of special interest about her? *-She was fond of sewing*  
 As our local paper gets the "Ord Quis" I shall have read the obituary of her there. It may answer some of above. The Lord is still with you!

Ord Quis"  
March 3, 1966

## Minister's Wife Dies; Mrs. Anna Jeppesen Service This Friday

Mrs. Christen (Anna) Jeppesen wife of the Rev. Christen Jeppesen, former pastor of the Bethany Lutheran Church, died Mar. 1, 1966, at the Valley County Hospital. She was 78 years old.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jeppesen will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Bethany Lutheran Church with the Rev. John Nordgaard officiating. Mrs. Bina Laursen will be organist and congregational singing will include special selections "Rock of Ages" and "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less." Burial will be in the Ord City Cemetery with Hastings-Pearson Mortuary in charge. Pallbearers are Chris Johnsen, Art Larsen, Albert Clausen, Albert Kirby, Kenneth Rasmussen and Dean Gross.

Her survivors are her husband of Ord; two sons, Herbert of Des Plaines, Ill., and Paul of Pomona, Calif., and one granddaughter, Linda. Her parents, one brother and one sister preceded her in death.

Anna Kathrina Jeppesen was born March 25, 1887, at Vonsild, Jutland, Denmark, a daughter of Soren P. and Hedvig Christensen Nielsen. She came to this country with her mother, brother and sister in 1890, settling in Cedar Falls, Ia., where her mother died six months after their arrival. Her early years were lived in Elk Horn, Ia., where she attended school and married the Rev. Christen Jeppesen on June 26, 1916. The couple lived 21 years in Indianapolis, Ind., six years in Atlantic, Ia., and the past 22 years in Ord where her husband was pastor of the Bethany Lutheran Church until retiring last year.

~~En Prairie-Præst.~~ Vi ønsker at kalde Opmærksomhed til en af vore  
nu ældre Præster, der vistnok har det største Kald i Samfundet, naar  
der regnes med Antal af Menigheder, han betjener, og Areal han befår-  
der. Det er Pastor Chris Jeppesen i Ord, Nebraska, lige <sup>i</sup> vort Kirkesam-  
funds historiske Hjerte. Det var nemlig ude i en lille Jordhytte ved  
Munson Creek, nogle faa Mil sydøst for een af <sup>Jeppesens</sup> ~~hans~~ tre <sup>Omaha</sup> Annexkirker, den  
"tre og en halv"  
i Dannevirke ~~Landmenighed~~, at ~~de~~ Pionerpræster, ~~skulle~~  
~~xxxx~~ (som vor gamle Formand G.B.C. udtrykte det), var samlet i Oktober  
1882 hos en dansk Homesteader, Søren Johnsen (senere Præst) for at holde  
et Missionsmøde blandt deres Landsmænd, der nylig havde nedsat sig  
som Nybyggere der i Howard Countys bakkede Landskab, ca. 25 Mil nordvest  
for Byen St. Paul. Imidlertid kom kun to Mænd og en Dreng til ~~til~~ det  
bemeldte Aabningsmøde, som derpaa hævedes og Humøret faldt paa Linie  
med Jordhullet, <sup>hvori</sup> de sad. Men ~~den~~ uset. Gæst ~~er~~ var ogsaa tilstede,  
nemlig Guds gode Helligaand, og ham maatte de ogsaa regne med. Thi deres  
Tanker blev i deres mismodige Ledighed ført ind paa et langt større  
Omraade end den umiddelbare Egn, nemlig hele det danske Udvandrefolks  
aandelige Stilling i Amerika. De ~~var~~ <sup>to</sup> Præster foruden Pastor W G.B.  
Christiansen, <sup>Omaha</sup> ogsaa den ældre Broder Pastor H. Hansen; Hampton, Nebr.  
~~Rastxxxxxxx~~ og den syngende Pastor Mads Hansen <sup>Ruskin.</sup> Pohey, Sene-  
re kom ogsaa Stedets Præst, Pastor A.M. Andersen til. Den halve Præst var  
Lægprædikanten Anders Jensen fra Omaha. De var Medlemmer af den Norsk-  
Danske Konference, men følte, at de vil <sup>de</sup> vinde bedre Indgang hos deres  
Landsmænd dersom de ~~var~~ <sup>blev</sup> en selvstændig dansk Kirkegruppe. Og det var  
netop Emnet de kom til at drøfte, som en Indskydelse fra oven. De var  
udgaaet fra Indremissions Samfund i Danmark og ~~skulle~~ <sup>deres unge Hjerter var fyldt med</sup> Ild fra det  
Høje ~~xxxxxx~~ saavel som Ansvaret for at bringe deres  
spredte Landsmænd Livets Ord i deres Modersmaal. Ganske rigtig var der  
for godt ti Aar siden begyndt en ~~en~~ selvstændigt ~~Mission~~ dansk luthersk

Kirkemission ~~er~~ i Staterne øst for Missourifloden, der var præget af det grundtvigske Kirkesyn. Derfor rejstes straks Spørgsmaalet under Drøftelsen: Skal vi udtræde af Konferencen og slutte os til dette danske Samfund eller skal vi danne et helt nyt paa Grundlag af den ~~den~~ konservative lutherske B**efter** belysning ~~og~~ den Trosbegreb og den Aand, der besjæler Indremissionen i Danmark? Enden paa Sagen blev at de enedes om at arbejde for Oprettelse af en ~~en~~ evangelisk luthersk dansk Frikirke, og ~~saa~~ dette som ~~Herrens~~ Svar paa deres inderlige Bøn om Vejledning. Deres Nedtrykthed var som blæst bort og deres Hjerter og Tunge jubede i Fryd over denne Beslutning. ~~Næste~~ <sup>I</sup> Efteraaret 1883 forelagtes deres Plan for ~~denne~~ ~~Kredsmøde~~ ~~i~~ ~~Omaha~~ Hampton, Nebr., hvor en Præst mere (A. Rasmussen) og syv Menighedsrepræsentanter var tilstede, alle fra Nebraska. ~~Den~~ ~~efter~~ indgaaende Drøftelse vedtoges et Forslag af Lægmand Mads Madsen fra Hampton, at de danske Præster og Menigheder danner deres eget uafhængige Samfund. En Komite blev valgt til at vælge en Mand til at rejse til Danmark næste Sommer og søge Støtte hos Indremissionens Ledere, og saa at udarbejde et Grundlag for Foreningen.

1884

Næste Kredsmøde blev afholdt i Omaha d. 28. Feb. - 2. Marts og her forelagdes saa Vedtægten fra Hampton Mødet og her var fem danske Præster med, idet <sup>Car Sandmanighed nordat for Blair</sup> A. M. Andersen fra Argo ogsaa indfandt sig, samt 23 Lægmand. Komiteen aflagde sin Rapport og alle enedes om at danne et nyt Samfund. Pastor A. M. Andersen blev sendt til Danmark, men uden Held i at finde særlig officiel Støtte, ~~og~~ <sup>alligevel</sup> ~~de~~ besluttede <sup>de</sup> at ~~aftræde~~ ~~af~~ Konferencen og ~~at~~ danne <sup>deres</sup> eget Samfund ved et specielt ~~et~~ Organisationsmøde i Argo, Nebr. d. 14. Sept. 1884. Dette skete og "Det dansk ev. Luth. Kirkesamfund", eller som det i Korthed kaldes: "Blair-Samfundet" blev en Virkelighed, ~~for~~ ~~di~~ ~~ets~~ Præsteseminar begyndtes samme Aar i Blair, Nebr., senere dets Forlagshus og College og almindelige Administration.

Søndag d. 5. Juli <sup>1884</sup> ~~den~~ ~~ne~~ ~~var~~ undertegnede Gættaler ved ~~et~~ Heldagsmøde i Dannevirke, ~~og~~ da det var første ~~gang~~, havde det sin Interesse ~~at~~ ~~at~~ i Egenskab af Samfundets Historiker, at besøge Egnen. ~~Denne~~ <sup>Den</sup> gang var der en pæn rummelig Kirke at samles i og den var omtrent fyldt til begge Møder

Kun en enkelt kunde mindes noget om den første Begyndelse, men alle  
for *Pastor Jeppesen*  
var interesseret i deres Kirke og glad ~~med~~ deres Præst. Han har ca. 40

Mil at køre dertil fra sit Hjem & Ord og kommer hveranden Søndag. Me-  
*I 1953* ~~Næste Aar~~ *kan* den fejre 50 Aars Jubilæum. *dog nu*  
*me* Menigheden tæller 45 Sjæle. Mange af ~~de gamle~~ Danskerne er bortrejst og  
andre Folkeslag er trængt ind, men da alt Kirkearbejde udføres i ~~det~~  
Landets Sprog, *uddø* gør Menigheden ikke derfor ud. Derimod er en forhenværende  
Dansk Brodersamfunds Loge, som havde en ret stor Hal tværs over Vejkrydset  
fra Kirken; ~~uden~~ denne benyttes nu af befolkningen og Menigheden som  
~~Spise- og~~ Forsamlingshus. En Gang havde en Dansker en betydelig Forretning,  
endog Posthus paa de andre to Hjørner. Nu er Landsbyen Cotesfield deres  
nærmeste Postkontor.

Ca. 10 Mil mod sydøst ligger Landsbyen Elba, hvor en lille Rest af en  
dansk luth. Mgh. organiseret ~~sa~~ samtidig (1904), ~~ligger~~ endnu faar Betjening  
en Gang maanedlig af Pastor Jeppesen; den har en lille Kirke. Vi strøg den ~~af~~  
af vor Liste for nogle Aar siden, da den aldrig tilsluttede vort Samfund og  
gav den Status som Prædikeplads. Derimod optoges paa Listen en Menighed  
i Byen Farwell, en halv Snes Mil sydøst for Dannevirke (9 Mil vest for St.  
Paul) ~~ligger~~ *stadig* som Pastor Jeppesen ~~ligger~~ havde betjent og gør endnu  
tre Gange om Maaneden. Den tæller kun 35 døbte Medlemmer og blev organi-  
seret i 1898, men tilhører intet Samfund, skønt den bestaar mest af skan-  
dinaviske Lutheranere. Den har en god lille Kirke og bidrager ca. \$500  
til Præstens Lønning. Men da han har nær ~~50~~ 50 Mil dertil, gaar meget  
af denne Sum til Kørselsudgift.

Hans Hjemmenighed i Ord, Bethania, blev organiseret i 1897 og optoges  
i vort Samfund i 1900. Den tæller 90 Sjæle og har en god Præstebolig, ~~og~~  
samt ejer nu en pæn Kirke. I mange Aar havde den en lille Kirke i Byens  
Udkant, men ~~købte~~ *fik* saa forledent Aar *overdraget* St. Peters danske Kirke i Logan Township  
(nær St. Paul By), efter at Menigheden der opløstes; *de* flyttede *den de* ~~den~~ ca. 50 Mil ~~til~~  
*Ord* og satte den paa ~~et~~ *i Byen* bedre beliggende Sted ~~i~~ Ord. En Del Remodellering og  
en god Undersal resulterede i det hyggelige Kirkehus, man nu har. Tillige  
yder denne Mgh. det væsentlige af Præstens Løn, ca. \$1300 aarligt. Alt i alt

beløber Lønningen fra ~~Kalk~~<sup>ca.</sup> hele Kaldet sig kun til det halve af hvad  
vore ~~best~~<sup>er</sup> lønnede Præster med kun een Kirke faar, men Pastor Jeppesen ar-  
bejder ikke ~~fx~~ for Pengenes Skyld, men for at tjene Herren og ~~kan~~ ernære  
hans Hjord med Livets Brød. Før han overtog Gerningen her var han af Hensyn  
til sin Hustrus Helbred ~~fx~~ i sekulær Virksomhed i Atlantic, Iowa, nogle  
Aar. ~~De har to voksne Sønner, Herbert og Paul, der begge har studeret paa  
Skolen i Blair, og er nu i Formidlingsbureauet.~~

Pastor Jeppesen ~~var~~<sup>er</sup> født i Knepholdt, Vadum Sogn, Vendsyssel, d. 14. Nov.  
1887. Hans Fader døde før ~~han~~ Sønnens Fødsel og Moderen 9 Aar efter; der-  
efter kom han i Pleje hos ~~sin~~<sup>er</sup> kærlige Stedforældre og en Onkel, ved  
hvis Hjalp han kom paa Nørre Sundby Realskole efter sin Konfirmation ~~og~~<sup>her</sup>  
studerede ~~der~~<sup>han</sup> i tre Aar, hvorpaa han kort efter, i 1906, rejste til Ameri-  
ka. ~~Han~~<sup>han</sup> fandt Arbejde hos Farmerne i Elk Horn, Iowa, Egnen og gik paa den  
danske Højskole i Vintertiden, hvor ~~han~~<sup>han</sup> hjalp ~~til~~<sup>til</sup> med Undervisningen. Ligesaa  
holdt han Religionskole en Del af Sommertiden. Det var her, at han under  
Pastor Kr. Ankers Paavirkning blev klar over sit Gudsforhold og følte Kal-  
det til en Gerning i Kirkens Tjeneste. En Danmarkstur hjalp til Klaring af  
Spørgsmaalet om det skulde være i ~~Danmark eller herovre, og Amerika vaadt.~~  
1910 Danmark eller  
I Efteraaret tog han paa Skolen i Blair og graduerede som Teologisk Kan-

didat i 1915. For at forbedre sig i Engelsk tog han et Aars Studium mere  
paa Chicago Luth. Seminary og blev ordineret d. 18. Juni, <sup>1916</sup> under Aarsmødet i  
Harlan, Ia. paa et Kald til Præst for Trinitatis Mgh. i Indianapolis, Ind.,  
hvor han virkede godt 20 Aar. I Elk Horn fandt han <sup>ogsaa</sup> sin Hustru, Anna Kathri-  
ne Nielsen, en Plejedatter af A. Boysens, der grundlagde Elim Børnehjem, og  
de blev gift en Uge efter hans Ordination. De har to voksne Sønner, Herbert  
der er Opkøber for Montgomery Ward, Chicago, og Paul, nu ansat paa Bank of  
America, Pomona, Calif.. Begge har frekventeret vor Skole i Blair.