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JORGENSEN, SØREN HILLERUP
1848-1909

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 Biographical Record of Ministers-Joergensen, S. Hillerup. Includes lists of churches served and dates of ordination for the pastors listed.

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56 S. Hillerup Jorgensen

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: Soren Hillerup Jorgensen

Born when: 5/22/1848 where: Kalbjerg, Fyn, Dk

Baptized when and where:

Confirmed when and where: by whom:

If immigrant, date of arrival in America: after 1876 located where: Homer NE

Date of ordination: Sept 23 1883 where: by whom:

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: 1/26/1909 where: cause:

Buried where: date:

Marriage: (1) to whom Anna Marie Jensen date and place: 5/11/1876 As parup parish Fyn Dk

Wife's birthdate and place:

Her parents: Jens + Anna Marie Andersen location:

If wife is dead, give date: 7/29/1933

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

S. Hillerup Jorgensen

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

(10) Sine (Mrs. Franklin B. Rasmussen) b. 12/14/1889

Mrs. Andrew Juhl

Hans Peter m. to Christina Christiansen children Ken & Hart Jorgensen

Parents & other Family

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

Soren Jorgensen b. 1772 son named Andreas who became school teacher d. 6/9/1851 wife Dorthey Maria

Hillerup sons: Soren Hillerup Jorgensen b. 9/8/1806

1836 m. Conradine von Deuss had 3 sons & 4 daughters

including Ejler Andreas b. 1838 d. 1876 another son

was Jorgen Christian Jorgensen father of Soren Hillerup Jorgensen.

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

High Schools:

Colleges (Give also degrees attained):

Theological Schools: Blaagaard Seminary Copenhagen

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.

Hampton IA

Willow Creek near Spencer, IA

Petersen IA

Cardon NE 1895-97

Plainview 10/1897 - 5/1903

Zion, Mason City, IA 5/1905 - 8/1908

Date

NOTE: Our previous biographical records were lost in the tragic fire that destroyed the office building of the Publishing House, Blair, Neb., Feb. 15, 1923, where the synodical historian also had his office. This accounts for the missing documents. We are anxious to have you help us in gathering this historically important data. We assure all cooperation in gathering this data. Be assured all cooperation in gathering this data will be highly appreciated. Please fill in what you can, perhaps with the assistance of others acquainted with subject. If you can refer us to any person, book or paper that can inform us further, we shall be very much obliged to you. and we may either have it or borrow it, please send it along. All our collection of this was also turned in the fire. Return this report as soon as possible to

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

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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

July 18, 1963

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Death Comes to Jorgensen

Livestock Foundation Official Was 56

Hart Jorgensen, executive director of the Livestock Foundation of Omaha, died Thursday morning at a local hospital.

He had been hospitalized since suffering a stroke July 2.

Mr. Jorgensen, who lived at 544 South Fifty-third Street, never regained consciousness following the stroke.

Mr. Jorgensen, 56, became well known throughout the area because of his daily radio broadcasts from the Union Stock Yards which he began shortly after coming to Omaha in 1947.

He was in demand as a speaker at agricultural meetings in Nebraska and Iowa.

Raised in Creighton, Neb., he worked on the Creighton News a number of years.

He moved to Sioux City, Ia., in the early 1940's and



Hart Jorgensen

began market radio programs for a station there.

Survivors: wife, Marvel; daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Rethwisch, Wayne, Neb.; Sally Jo, Julie Ann and Barbara; son, Robert, all of the home; two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Fitch and Cole Mortuary.

Hart Jorgensen Rites Saturday

Funeral services for Hart Jorgensen, 56, executive director of the Livestock Foundation of Omaha, will be at 10:30 a. m. Saturday at the First Methodist Church, Omaha. Interment will be at the Bethany Lutheran Church Cemetery at Plainview, Neb., at 4 p. m.

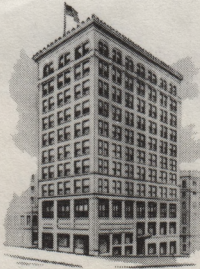
Mr. Jorgensen died Thursday morning. He had been hospitalized following a stroke July 2.

Fitch and Cole Mortuary is in charge.

JORGENSEN—Hart, 544 S. 53d St., 56 years. Survived by wife, Marvel; daughters, Sally, Julie, Barbara, all Omaha, Neb.; son, Robert, Omaha, Wayne, Neb.; Mrs. Marilyn Rethwisch, Wayne, Neb.; son, Robert, Omaha; brothers, Kenneth, South Sioux City, Neb., Stanley, Cincinnati, O.; sisters, Mrs. Dyne Withee, Orchard, Neb., Mrs. Sig Kihnee, Hooper, Neb.

Service Saturday 10:30 a. m., First Methodist Church, 69th and Cass. Interment Bethany Lutheran Church Cemetery, Plainview, Neb., 4 p. m.

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REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT
OF AGENCIES

July 26, 1963

Room 607 Toy Natl Bank Bldg
Sioux City, Iowa

Rev. P. C. Jensen
Statistician & Historian
United Ev. Lutheran Church
Blair, Nebraska,

Dear Reverend Jensen:

Mrs. Hart Jorgensen of Omaha, Nebraska, has asked me to write to you in regard to the postal inquiry you sent her July 20, regarding the decease of her husband. Hart was my brother.

I will try to give you some information about the family and if I can make any further contributions, would be glad to do so.

Hart was the son of Hans Peter Jorgensen and Christina Christiansen Jorgensen. Hans Peter was the son of Sigurd Hillerup Jorgensen and Sigurd and his wife Marie came to this country after they were married. At the time Hans Peter was born, S. H. Jorgensen was a pastor at Dakota City, Iowa, I think. This would have been about 80 years ago. S. H. Jorgensen was also pastor at Dakota City, Nebraska, Sioux City, Iowa, Mason City, Nebraska, Bethany Lutheran at Plainview, and probably others of which I am not aware. His daughter Signe married Franklin Rasmussen whom you mentioned in your card. Aunt Sig died in about 1933 and is buried at Fremont, Nebraska.

Soren was DA. 1935 or 1944
Hart's full name was Sigurd Hartvig Hillerup Jorgensen. He did not attend Dana, but it is my understanding that our father did. This would probably have been 60 years ago. Hart's daughter Marilyn Jorgensen attended Dana about 13 years ago. She is now Mrs. Lowell Rethwisch of Wayne, Nebraska.

Hart was confirmed in the Danish Lutheran Church as a young man. I do not know if it was in the Bethany Lutheran at Plainview or at Winnetoon. We lived at Creighton and the children from both the Plainview and Winnetoon churches would meet with the pastor at our home on Saturdays for confirmation classes. The same pastor served both churches in those days and our home was a central point for the meeting.

Hart's parents were married at Neligh, Nebraska, took the train to Merriman where they homesteaded about 58 years ago. They later lived on a farm near Winnetoon, Nebraska; then my dad moved the family to Creighton where he operated a harness shop for many years. He died in about 1924.



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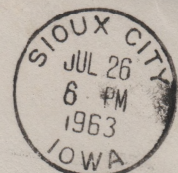
I have in my home the Danish family bible with the family record of births and deaths of my grandparents S. H. Jorgensens. If this information would be of interest to you, feel free to call at my home at 103 Fairview Drive, South Sioux City, Nebraska, at any time. The phone number there is 4 4910.

My office phone number is Sioux City 5 7322.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Jorgensen
Ken Jorgensen

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On a descendant of Rev. Killerus Jorgensen

Rev P. C. Jensen
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Blair, Nebr.

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Mr. Ken Jorgensen
Sioux City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Jorgensen:

Thanks to you for your interesting letter received Monday as reply to my inquiry about your late brother Hart Jorgensen. ~~As~~ You are grandsons of Rev. S. Hillerup Jørgensen, one of the pioneering ministers in our Danish Lutheran Synods, in fact all three of them: First in the Danish Ev. Luth. from his ordination Sept. 23, 1883 at Chicago to the organization of the Danish Ev. Luth. Church of North America in Sept. 1894; then served there to it was merged with the Danish Ev. Luth. Church Association (the so-called Blair Church) on Oct. 1, 1896, which he ~~he~~ served until his death Jan. 26, 1909. I might add that he was born May 22, 1848, at Skalbjerger, Fyn, Denmark, where his father was public school-teacher, later the family moved to Baaring, where the son, after finishing his academic course at Blaagaard Seminary in Copenhagen, became his father's assistant in teaching school. On May 11, 1876 Søren (or Sigurd as you have it) was married to Miss Anna Maria Jensen (born Apr. 16, 1854 at Asperup Parish, Fyn, a daughter of Jens Andersen and wife Anna Maria). Shortly after they emigrated to USA together with her parents and located Homer, Nebr. where a small colony of Danes lived. Failing to find employment as tutor of Danish children, he and wife moved to Omaha, where they took in boarders and he was engaged in some teaching. Here they came in contact with the pastor and people of a Danish congregation, who informed them about the new Danish Highschool at Elk Horn, Iowa, and the need for pastors in the church. He decided to study for the ministry and was commissioned to serve as pastor and S.S. teacher for four small congregations in and near Lincoln, Nebr. until his ordination. His first pastorate was at Hampton, Ia., then Willow Creek, near Spencer, Ia. and Peterson, Ia. In Nebraska he served at Gordon (1895-97), Plainview (Oct. 1897-Mar. 1905) and at Zion Church, Mason City, Custer County, Ia. from Mar. 1905-Nov. 1908, and died there Jan. 26, 1909. - According to her Memorial in "Dansk Almanak" 1934 his widow died July 29, 1933 in the manse of her son-in-law Rev. Franklin G. Rasmussen and her daughter Signe after three months of illness. Of their 10 children 4 had preceded her in death. One daughter was the first wife of Professor Andrew Juhl at Easton, Calif. and died early from some canned food poisoning, if I remember rightly. Andrew later married Priscilla Petersen from Elk Horn, Ia. who died about 20 years ago, and about 5 years ago he married Stine Petersen, also from Elk Horn. As my home was in nearby Audubon I have known them from early days. Likewise Mrs. Hillerup J. who lived here in Blair in my early student year here. Franklin and I were classmates through Dana College and Trinity Seminary, were ordained in same class June 18, 1916, at Harlan, Ia. and married same day, June 7, 1916, he at Blair and I at Audubon. In the memorial of Signe in "Dansk Almanak" 1935, pp. 118-121, it is stated she was born at Newell, Ia. Dec. 14, 1889, so maybe Rev. Hillerup ~~Jorgensen~~ also has served the Danish church there. In your letter it mentioned also Sioux City and Dakota City, Nebr. nearby; I looked up my record of our pastors having served Our Savior's Church at Sioux City, but he is not mentioned among them; but there is vacancy gap 1884-1899 when he might have had interim charge, while serving Newell.

Hope this may interest your family. Maybe you can supplement it. Yours

Thursday Aug. 1, 1963

Leafing through year 1909 of our former Danish newspaper "Danskeren" I found the announcement of Pastor Søren Hillerup Jørgensen's death in No. 8 of Jan. 29th. He died in his home at Mason City, Nebr. Jan. 23rd. In the Feb. 2, issue is a large framed picture of him and a poetic memorial of 4 stanzas by a local farmer, P. Arp, whose son Hans Arp I know well as I served Zion Church 6 years around 1950 once a month from Blair. In another issue a news item informs no Danish pastors could be had for the funeral at Plainview Sunday Jan. 31st and they were grateful an American minister could perform the burial. However a theol. Candidate, C. M. Hansen, evidently a Dane, delivered the funeral address, which the reporter, P. Nygaard, praised as very fitting eulogy of the deceased.

A close friend of Rev. Hillerup Jørgensen, Dr. P. S. Vig, my venerable Professor here at the Seminary, wrote a long article on him, which appeared in "Danskeren" No. 13 & 14, 1909. Vig had a hobby for delving into the biographical histories of Danish-Americans and wrote volumes of such for Danish papers, magazines and books, especially in the great work "Danske i Amerika" published by C. Rasmussen, Mpls, in 1908. He met S. Hillerup Jørgensen in Asperup, Fyn, Denmark, in 1873, where he was employed as schoolteacher and Vig as cowherd. He then goes back in history and traces the family record from H. J.'s grandfather Søren Jørgensen born in 1772, who was a farmer on Fyn. His son, Andreas Jørgensen, wanted to be schoolteacher, but had no means for study at college, so he educated himself so far that at the age of 13 he was engaged to teach a group of children from better homes, a kind of private school. At 17 he was hired as private tutor of the parish priest in Kjerte, who had a dozen children. That was in 1789-92. After that he taught both public and private schools several places. He also had studied foreign languages and was hired to translate English, German and French literature, and wrote several smaller books, even a textbook that was translated into Russian. He died June 9, 1851. His wife's name was Dorteia Maria Hillerup, and one of his sons was named Søren Hillerup Jørgensen, born Sept. 8, 1806. He became student in 1825 and Cand. theol. in 1830. Then engaged as tutor on a large estate, Hesselagergaard, two years and then ordained in 1833. Was Kapellan (chaplain or assistant pastor) at Oure-Vejstrup on Fyn 2 years and 3 years in N.W. Jutland. Then Kateket (religious instructor) at Roskilde 2 years and in 1838 parish priest (Sognepræst) at Dalby, Fyn. He died May 19, 1847 while on a trip to Roskilde, the cathedral city of Sjælland. In 1836 he had married Conradine von Deurs, a minister's daughter from Norway, and they had 3 sons and 4 daughters.

One of them was Ejler Andreas Christoffer Jørgensen, born at Roskilde in 1838, who studied the art of portrait painting at Copenhagen Academy and in 1873 emigrated to San Francisco, where he married a widow of a prominent family in Philadelphia, Mrs. Rogers. After a few years in Honolulu they returned to Oakland, Calif. where he died Dec. 17, 1876. His paintings were recognized both in Denmark and over here as real art.

Another son of Andreas J. was Jørgen Christian Jørgensen, the father of S. Hillerup J. who received his uncle's name. The second part of Vig's article sketches his life and work which is already outlined by me from other sources on opposite page of this letter.

~~My~~ My collection of "Danskeren" will be donated to Dana College Library on Research Study of Danish-Americans together with my large book and other literature that I have collected in my nearly 50 years as student and preacher, editor and statistical historian of our late U. D. E. Church in America. - Our synodical archives containing ~~about~~ about 3 tons of similar material that I had collected was deposited in 1960 at the Official Archives of The Am. Luth. Church in Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. A complete collection of "Danskeren" the

Mrs. Gus Kuhn
Box 364
Hooper, Nebraska



William & Anna Hooper & Helen Ferguson

Rev. P. C. Jensen

Blair Nebraska

copy 2/11/64 send it

Family of Rev. Mrs. S. G. Ferguson

Back now

- 1. Augustin (Weaver)
- 2. Carl (Temple) (Wright)
- 3. Peter Ferguson (Weaver) of Fort

- 1. Eugene (Weaver)
 - 2. Rev. Ferguson dec.
 - 3. Mrs. Ferguson dec.
 - 4. Mabel (Mrs. P. C.) Ferguson
- not pictured in William Weaver 1962

Richard Reed
Feb 18, 1964

Mrs. G. Kuhn
Hooper Neb

Box 364

Rev. & Helen Hooper & Family
Hooper, Neb. 68900

Olama photo

at top steps, second row second man I think is Hans Peter Ferguson my parents were married in 1906 so this must have been earlier.

Mrs. G. Kuhn
364
Hooper, Neb

Hooper Hill
Feb. 9, 1964

Rev. P. C. Jansen
Blair Hill.

Dear Sir -

My brother Ken Jorgensen gave me a copy of the letter you sent him after the death of our brother Hart Jorgensen. I enjoyed the history of the Jorgensen family very much.

I have some old pictures that I wondered if you would like for your historical displays. If they would be passing on to the 3^d and 4th generations no one would know who they were.

One is a picture of grandfather (Rev. S. H.) Jorgensen in his ministerial gown, there is also a family picture, the parents and 5 children.

I also have a photo of a graduating class from Dana College. No date.

but possibly in the '20s.
It ^{rather} resembles a page from a
Yearbook, below the picture the
caption reads. Student Bodgan
Faculty, Dana College and
Trinity Seminary 1920-21.
If you would care for any or
all of these pictures please let
me know.

Sincerely
Mrs. Gus Kühne
Hagerhebr
Box 364

(Signe Jorgensen)