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KIRKEGAARD, ANDERS NIELSEN
1860-1940

19 Anders Kirkegaard

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: Anders (Nielsen) Kirkegaard (no inf. how he got his surname)

Born when: Oct. 4, 1860 where: Harboøre Parish, Ringkøbing Amt (County), Denmark

Baptized when and where: Oct. 22, 1860, in Harboøre (at his home) presented Nov. 4th at the church.

Confirmed when and where: April 4, 1875 at same church by whom: J. Johnson

Parents: Laurits Nielsen and Sidsel Marie Kristensen; both died in Denmark.

If immigrant, date of arrival in America: 1887 located where: Polk County (Luck), Wis.

With intent to study at the Danish Luth. Seminary at West Denmark there.

Date of ordination: June 2, 1889 where: Hutchinson, Minn. at 6th Annual Conv. of Danish Luth Church Association (Blair Synod) 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: 1922 why: Old Age bought a farm in 1913 at Laurens, N.Y.

Located where: Laurens, N.Y. occupation: Retirement, some farming

If dead, what date: Oct. 13, 1940 where: Laurens, N.Y. cause: Stroke Apoplexi

Buried where: Laurens, N.Y. date: Oct. 16, 1940

Marriage: (1) to whom Anina Johanne Christensen date and place: Jan. 23, 1889 Milltown, Wis.

Wife's birthdate and place: April 6, 1858 Langeland Island, Denmark

Her parents: ? location: " " dead

If wife is dead, give date: May 26, 1934 at Laurens, N.Y.

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

19 A. Kirkegaard

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

Rev. and Mrs. A. Kirkegaard were blessed with nine children, of which two died as infants. The others were the sons:

Lauge Gerhard Kirkegaard, b. *Jan* partook in World War I, died Nov. 11, 1918 in France (Armistice Day)

Richard Alfred Kirkegaard, b. also in the War but returned unharmed

Christian Scriver Kirkegaard, b. *June 2, 1892* also enlisted in army, and later studied at Dana and Trin. Seminary for the ministry. Ordained 1922 and married

1925 to Freda Falck, daughter of Rev. Chr. Falck, served churches at Plainfield, N.Y. and transferred to U.I.C.A. Both were killed Dec. 27, 1962 in an auto accident.

Theodor Ansgar Kirkegaard lives on the parental farm at Laurens, N.Y.

And daughters: Agnes b. (*dead*) m. Rev. Wagshall of the ULCA;

Ingeborg b.

Ellen *b.* *m.* *George* *Nielson*

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:

Attended some school *at Copenhagen* in preparation for entering ministerial service to Danes in America. 188

Colleges (Give also degrees attained):

Theological Schools:

Danish Lutheran Seminary at West Denmark, Polk County, Wis. 1887-88

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

Other specific training: He learned carpenter trade in Denmark.....and then went to Copenhagen for employment. Here came in contact with Inner Mission workers, Clausen and Wright and leading pastors, who made use of his ability and willingness to assist in Sunday Schools and other Christian efforts.

At this time the impulse to enter full time mission work entered his heart possibly on the foreign mission field. Then he heard of the mission group that sponsored church work among emigrated countrymen in America and contacted members of same, offering his service. Realizing it a divine call he

Additional comment on above: was encouraged to commence preparation under the directing of their board. He attended a school where candidates for the American mission were trained a while and then learned that the Danish Church in America had started a Seminary for training pastors at West Denmark, near Luck, W. S. he decided to emigrate and study over there. Having also found a fair lady in the capital city ~~was~~ and became engaged to her, she agreed with his plan and they traveled together across the ocean. She secured jobs and assisted him in continuing his education at the Seminary 1887-88. Attending the annual meeting of the synod, that established the institution, held in Elk Horn, Ia. (1888), the spirit of the assembly did not appeal to him and his fiancée. Then they applied

Ministerial Service. Please give in chronological order the names of congregations or charges served, and period of each. at Milltown where he had started a mission.

Served as student missionary in Polk County, Wis. before ordination also started mission work in Milltown area and Patterson, Wis. after his ordination until he accepted call to Hutchinson, Minn. May 1890- Dec. 1891.

Frederiksborg Danish Luth. Church, Minden, Nebr. Dec. 1891 - 1894
..... Served 3 communities Congregations

Trinity Danish Luth. Church, Fremont (Bluffs), Nebr. 1894 - Jun. 1898
..... also Emmanuel's " " , Culfax Co. " and the Danish " " , Saunders Co., "

St. Johannes " " " , Franklin Co., Iowa (Hampton) June 1898 - 1902

St. Pauls " " " , Thornton, Iowa 1902 - 1908
..... also congr. at Latimer a few years 18

Skand. Luth. Church, Scranton, Iowa 1908 - Feb 1914

~~Six Months~~
..... Moved to Laurens, N. Y. and farmed; also did mission work 1914 - 1921

St. Matthews Luth. Church organized in 1915 as a result of his work. He served it until 1921.

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Returns this report as soon as possible to

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

.... Member of the first Song-Book Committee 1890, which produced "Sangeren" 1891; first book issued by the Danish Luth. Publ. House, Blair, Nebr. (printed in Denmark)

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.

/ A Danish booklet: En Lille Julebog. (poetic Yuletide reading). 1935

Additional information of interest:

Date April 26 1965 Signed P. G. Jensen

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Information on Rev. A. Kirkgaard

P.C.Jensen, Minister

Blair

Nebraska



USA

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P.C.Jensen, Minister,

Blair, Nebraska, USA.

Hr. Pastor P.C.Jensen! Maa jeg efter Raad af Professor Nyholm bede Dem venligst give mig et Par Oplysninger om Pastor A.Kirkgaard, der skal have været Præst i Deres Afdeling af den lutherske Kirke i USA. Han udgav en Samling bibelske Digte og skal derfor med i Leksikonet. Kan De oplyse:

- 1) hans fulde Navn,
- 2) hans Fødselsdag, -aar og -sted og hans Dødsdag, -aar og -sted,
- 3) hans Forældres fulde Navne (Moderens Pigenavn) og Faderens Livsstilling ved Sønnens Fødsel og senere),
- 4) hans Uddannelse, Eksaminer, Ansættelser, alt med Aarstal,

5) hans litterære Værker, hvilke Blade og Aviser, han har skrevet i,
6) om han er omtalt i Litteraturen, da hvor og naar?

Med megen Tak forud og venlig Hilsen

P. Engelstoft

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Mr. Pastor Engelstoft! Nu jeg efter end af Professor Nyholm gode og venlige
give mig et par oplysninger om Pastor A. Kirkgaard, der skal have været præst
i Døds afdeling af den lutherske Kirke i USA. Han udgav en del af de danske
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2) hans Fødselsdag, -aar og -sted og hans Dødsdag, -aar og -sted,
3) hans Fødselsdato fulde Navn (Moderens Fødselsdato) og Pastoratets Navn
ved Sammensætning af navnet (og senere),
4) hans Uddannelse, Eksamen, Ansættelse, etc. med henvisning

Mr. Elmer Strampas
nee Inger Kirkgaard died
unexpectedly in Denver, Colo.,
Saturday December 10th 1960
Services will be held in
Denver Tuesday December 13th
and in Lawrence New York
Thursday December 15th with
internment there.

Two children
Pastor Owen Strampas of
Watsonville, Calif. and
Mrs. Eugene Mengera (Archie)
of Chicago, Ill.
and several grand-children

Daughter of

Rev. A. Kirkgaard
Funeral Home, Dan. Am. Soc.

Dank Rbmansk 1841

PASTOR ANDERS KIRKEGAARD

Atter har det behaget Kirkens og Menighedens Herre at kalde en af sine Tjenere hjem til den evige Hvile efter en lang og virksom Arbejdsdag hernede.



A. J. H. Jensen

Anders Kirkegaard blev født den 4. Oktober 1860 i Harbøre, Vestjylland, hvor han ogsaa blev døbt, fik sin Undervisning i Almueskolen og blev konfirmeret i Sognekirken. I sin Ungdom lærte han Tømmerhaandværket, og paa samme Tid kom han under Paavirkning af den bekendte Pastor Carl Moe, der da var Præst i Harbøre, og ved hvis Virksomhed en stærk aandelig Vækkelse i Indre Missions Retning brød frem der paa Egnen.

Siden kom Kirkegaard til København at arbejde

som Tømrersvend. Der kom han tillige i Forbindelse med Midnatsmissionærerne Clausen og Wright, samt forskellige Sognepræster, der var virksomme i Missionsarbejdet og gjorde Brug af ham baade i Søndagsskoler og som Missionær. Paa denne Tid begyndte Tanken om at blive Hedningemissionær at vaagne hos ham; men imidlertid blev han bekendt med, at der var en dansk Kirke i Amerika, og den havde et Udvalg blandt Præster der hjemme, som bl. a. hjalp dem til at faa Præster der over, som de trængte haardt til. Efter at have seet dette som et Kald fra Gud, samt være opmuntret af nogle Medlemmer af Udvalget, besluttede han sig til i København at begynde sin Uddannelse til Præst i Amerika under Udvalgets Vejledning.

I København var Kirkegaard bleven kendt med Jomfru Anine Johanne Christensen fra Langeland, med hvem han blev forlovet. Efter at have fuldendt sit Studium i København, rejste de begge med hinanden til Amerika i Aaret 1887. Her fortsatte han en kort Tid sit Studium paa „Den danske Kirkes“ Præsteskole i West Denmark, Wis. Næste Aar overværede baade han og hans Forlovede Kirkens Aarsmøde, men den Aand, der raadede der, tiltalte dem ikke, saa de bestemte sig til at slutte sig til „Det danske ev.-luth. Kirkesamfund.“

Den 23. Jan. 1889 fejrede de deres Bryllupsfest i Milltown, Wis., og ved Samfundets næste Aarsmøde i Hutchinson, Minn. blev Kirkegaard ordineret den 2. Juni 1889 af Formanden, Pastor G. B. Christiansen paa et Kald fra en Missionsmenighed i Milltown, Wis. som han havde oparbejdet i sin Studentertid. Her var han en kort Tid og modtog saa Kald fra

Hutchinson, Minn., hvor han var til 1891, da han flyttede til en Menighed ved Minden, Neb. Næste Aar blev han ved Kredsmødet i Hampton valgt til Kredsforsmand, og i de følgende Aar fik han snart flere Menigheder stiftet samt endnu flere Missionspladser begyndt paa disse aandeligt øde Egne i Vest-Nebraska. Da han havde poetiske Evner og var en dygtig Sanger, var han straks bleven valgt som Medlem af Komiteen til at samle og sørge for Udgivelsen af „Sangeren.“ Det var ikke altid saa lyse Tider der ude i disse Dage, da Vejene ofte var lange og trænge, og Køretøjerne var tarvelige; Lønnen var kun lille, og Børneflokkene voksede op til ni, hvoraf dog to døde i den spæde Alder, og siden mistede Sønnen Gerhard Livet i Frankrig under Verdenskrigen.

I 1894 flyttede Kirkegaards til Fremont, Nebr. Det var da jeg var Student paa vor Skole i Blair, og der mødte jeg ham første Gang ved et Studentermøde, hvor han holdt et Foredrag for os, som jeg ikke har glemt endnu. Han havde en sjælden Evne til at vække nye, friske Tanker ikke mindst hos os unge. Hans Forkyndelse var som Indre Missions i Danmark klar og tydelig Guds Ord til Omvendelse og Syndernes Forladelse uden Hensyn til Menneskers Behag, saa hans Prædikener syntes nogle for strænge, medens de blev andre en Vejledning til et nyt Liv i Herrens Samfund.

Kirkegaards næste Arbejdsmark blev i Iowa, hvor han Aar 1898 begyndte i Latimer og flere omliggende Steder. Det havde sine Vanskeligheder at virke som Præst der, da den forenede Kirke var bleven stiftet, men ikke alle Medlemmer var af Hjertet forenede, saa delte Meninger kunde næppe undgaaes.

Efter nogle Aars Forløb (1907) flyttede Kirkegaard til Scranton, hvor han virkede i Herrens Tjeneste, til han i 1914 besluttede at rejse til Laurens, N. Y., hvor en dansk Koloni havde begyndt at danne sig. Der købte han sig et Hjem og begyndte straks at missionere blandt sine Landsmænd med det Resultat, at han næste Aar fik en Menighed stiftet, som han betjente til 1921, da han nedlagde sin Præstegerning, men blev fremdeles boende i sit Hjem som emeritus. I Aaret 1934 fristede han den tunge Sorg, at Herren kaldte hans elskelige Hustru hjem til sig. Hun er omtalt her i Dansk Almanak 1935. Der blev saa tomt i Hjemmet, da hun var borte. Ofte var han en Tur nede at dvæle ved hendes Hvilested, ved Siden af hvilket han havde sit eget beredt. De sidste Aar var hans Helbred skrøbeligt, og de kolde Vintermaaneder tilbragte han i Reglen hos en af Børnene; men om Sommeren vilde han helst være hjemme i sit gamle Hjem ved Siden af sin elskede Hustrues Grav. Sidste Sommer (1939) fejrede vi hans 50 aarige Ordinationsdag med ham til hans store Glæde; men sidste Vinter mistede han sit Hus ved Ildebrand, medens han selv var borte, og det trykkede ham haardt.

Selv om hans legemlige Kræfter gennem flere Aar svækkedes mere og mere, blev hans Dødsleje dog kun ganske kort; men han var rejsefærdig og talte ofte med os derom. Sidste Gang, han var i vort Hjem, sagde han: „Nu har jeg været ovre at se mit Sovekammer.“ Faa Dage efter fik han en Lamelse i den højre Side, saa han vanskeligt kunde tale eller bruge den højre Haand. Kort efter samledes Familien for at fejre hans 80 aarige Fødselsdag med

ham d. 4. Okt., hvorved han syntes at glæde sig; men Søndag Morgen d. 13. Okt. kaldte Herren ham hjem til sig. Onsdag d. 16. Okt. blev han begravet under Pastor Kloths Ledelse. Først samledes Familien og enkelte flere om Baaren i Datterens og Sviigersønnens Hjem ved Siden af hans nedbrændte Hjem, og hvor han døde. Der holdt Pastor C. Christensen en kort Andagt, og saa samledes vi i den fyldte Kirke, hvor vor Kredsformand, Pastor Videbeck, Brooklyn, samt vor egen Pastor Kloth, begge talte hjerteligt til Minde om hans lange Tjeneste i Herrens Vingaard, der er den skønneste Gerning, Herren betroer sine. Derefter blev hans Legeme stedt til Hvile ved Hustruens Side, hvor en Mindesten med deres Navne viser os Stedet.

Foruden en Søster i Danmark efterlader Pastor A. Kirkegaard sig 3 Sønner og 3 Døtre, der alle er bosatte i de østlige Stater. Den ældste Søn, Christian Scriver, blev ordineret ved vort Aarsmøde 1922, men er nu Præst i United Lutheran Church, hvor han betjener en Menighed i Lynbrook, Long Island. Den ældste Datter, Agnes, er gift med Pastor Wagshall, Utica, der studerede sammen med Scriver og er Præst i samme Kirkesamfund. Desuden er der Ingeborg, Ellen, Richard og Ansgar, samt 14 Børnebørn.

PASTOR J. K. JENSEN

Den sidste Dag i Oktober 1940 tog Herren nok een af vore ældre Præster hjem til sig. Det var Pastor Jens Kristian Jensen, der paa Grund af Sygdom, Kræft i højre Nyre, var flyttet til Sleepy Eye, Minn.

sidste Sommer og her henlevede sine sidste Dage. Han blev begravet Mandag d. 4. Nov. fra St. Johns Kirke dersteds under Ledelse af Pastor H. S. Madsen og Pastor H. A. Svendsen, assisteret af Kredsformand Cornelius Hansen og et Dusin andre Præstebrodre fra Omegnen. Pastor Sherman Bondo repræ-



senterede Formand Carlsen paa Samfundets Vegne. Jordfæstelsen fandt Sted paa „Home“ Gravgaard der ved Byen. Hans to Sønner, Peter, Buffalo, Wyo. og Walter, Upton, Wyo. var tilstede, men Datteren Dagmar (Mrs. Victor Kohl, Medford, Ore.) var ikke istand til at komme.

Pastor Jensen er Søn af Væver Mads Jensen og Hustru, Ane Kathrine (f. Rasmussen), og blev født d. 13. Maj, 1866, paa Urup Mark i Rynkeby Sogn paa Fyn. Han opvoksede under tarvelige Kaar dog

uden at prøve Armod eller Sult. Moderen havde tjent syv Aar i Rynkeby Præstegaard og var der bleven grebet af Guds Ord. Hun fortalte bibelske Historier for ham og lærte ham boglig Syssel. Hans Faders kærlige Omhu men korrekte Opdragelse i Lydighed mindedes Sønnen altid med stor Taknemlighed. Han modtog kristelig Børneundervisning i en grundtvigsk Friskole. Ogsaa der var Lærerne grebne af Guds Kærlighed i Kristus og indprentede denne i Børnene. Jensen opvoksede i grundtvigske Kredse og bevidner i sin Vita, „at der var Paalidelighed og Ærlighed i alle menneskelige Forhold i disse Kredse, som jeg aldrig har fundet Mage til i Kredse, der gør Krav paa et bedre Navn og Rygte.“

Han havde stor Læselyst, saa hans Moder sagde, at han burde være Præst. Men Midlerne havde de ikke. Tidlig kom han ud at tjene og blev saaledes konfirmeret i Annexet Revninge af Pastor F. Trojel. Trods den naturlige Ungdomstrang til Verdens Glæder, deltog han dog aldrig i nogen Last; derimod vandt Ordets Sæd stadig Vækst i hans Hjerte, og Troen paa Jesus som sin Frelser vandt gradvis Sejr, saa han var ligesaa vis derpaa, som de er der beraaber sig paa pludselig Omvendelse, sagde han. Han blev kendt med baade Syndens Beskhed og Naadens Sødme, takket være alene Guds Naade.

Vinteren 1888-89 tilbragtes paa Vejstrup Folkehøjskole. Samme Foraar rejste han til Amerika (ankom d. 20. April 1889) og fandt Arbejde ved Vermillion, S. Dakota. Hans Formaal var at studere videre for at kunne faa Anledning til at virke i Herrens Gerning. Den følgende Vinter er han paa den danske Højskole i Elk Horn, Iowa, hvor han fortsætter i fem Aar, og virkede i Mellemtiden som Sko-

lelærer, Missionær m.m. for at tjene til sit Ophold. I 1896—97 frekventerede han Lake View Theologiske Seminar i Chicago og fik saa Kald fra Menigheden i Webster Groves, Mo. til en Præstegerning, hvorfor han ansøgte den nylig organiserede Forenede danske luth. Kirke om Ordination. Denne fandt Sted under Aarsmødet i Blair, Neb. d. 30. Maj 1897. Hans Kollegaer ved den Lejlighed var N. P. Lang og Hans Nielsen, der begge overlever ham.

Pastor Jensens Virksomhed som Præst, Lærer og Skribent er ret omfattende. Han var i sit første Kald to Aar, hvorefter han atter tog paa Seminariet i Chicago godt et Aarstid. Saa modtog han Kald fra Sleepy Eye, Minn. som han betjente 1899—02, var i Hartland, Wis. 1902—05, i Exira, Iowa, 1905—08, hvor han under stor personlig Opofrelse fik bygget en Kirke. Blev saa kaldet til Bestyrer for Luther College i Racine, Wis., hvor han var et Aarstid og tog derpaa en Danmarksrejse. Betjente saa Danmark Kaldet, Wis. i 1909—12 og Standard Kolonien i Alberta 1912—20. Var i Moorhead, Iowa, 1921, hvorpaa han flyttede til den danske Nybyggermenighed ved Buffalo, Wyo. og var Præst der til 1934. Her døde hans Hustru d. 19. Maj 1932. Hun hed Sophia Olesen, en Datterdatter af gamle Jonas Petersen i St. Mortens Mgh. ved Hutchinson. De blev gift d. 2. Juni, 1903 dersteds. Af deres 6 Børn er to Døtre og en Søn døde. Pastor Jensens sidste Virksomhed var i Nybyggermissionen ved Pass Lake, Ontario. Med Undtagelse af et Aarstid i Danmark (1936) var han der til Helbredet gav efter sidste Sommer. Den 2. Sept. 1937 indgik han atter Ægteskab med Frk. Ida Clausen fra Sleepy Eye, der hjalp ham trolig til det sidste.

Pastor Jensen var en alsidig Mand. Han hørte nærmest til hvad blandt os kaldes den orthodoxe Retning. Han bevarede altid sin Sympati for den grundtvigske Menneskeforstaaelse, men bekæmpede dens Skriftteori. Som Tænker og Skribent var han en flittig Mand, i det praktiske Arbejde fandt han sin bedste Opgave paa Yderkanterne, hvor modige og selvopofrende Mænd mest trænges. Hans mange og ofte lange Indlæg over Tankens og Tidens Problemer i vore Samfundsblade er hans eneste literære Efterladenskaber, men de er værd at studere. En tro Discipel af Luther og en hjertensgod Medarbejder i vor Kirke er gaaet ind til sin Herres Glæde.

P. C. Jensen.

1939 STATISTICS OF THE GENERAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PAROCHIAL

In the United States and Canada	Ordained Ministers on Roll	Organized Congregations	Preaching Places	Membership	
				Baptized	Confirmed
1. United Lutheran Church.....	3,596	3,998	60	1,669,013	1,181,445
2. American Lutheran Church*.....	1,650	1,959	69	560,940	393,807
3. Augustana Synod*.....	919	1,189		345,305	261,132
4. Norwegian Lutheran Church*.....	1,409	2,607	160	548,023	377,019
5. Lutheran Free Church*.....	210	379	15	48,280	35,092
6. United Danish Church*.....	175	195	36	34,493	25,213
7. Danish Church.....	67	90	2	18,146	12,196
8. Icelandic Synod.....	14	49		7,613	5,757
9. Eielsen Synod.....	5	14		1,385	1,080
10. Lutheran Brethren.....	39	30b		2,066b	1,439b
11. Suomi Synod.....	57	178	64	27,687	20,754
12. Finnish National Church.....	15	73		7,158	5,083
13. Finnish Apostolic Church.....	23	123b		16,293b	11,685b
14. Missouri Synod**.....	3,911	4,003	666	1,320,803	892,752
15. Joint Synod of Wisconsin**.....	592	713	94	256,007	177,402
16. Slovak Synod**.....	49	63	15	22,817	15,741
17. Norwegian Synod**.....	48	63	2	8,631	6,372
18. Negro Missions**.....	54	77	8	9,964	5,664
19. Independent Congregations.....	30	33		5,676b	4,132b
Totals for Lutheran bodies of America:					
United States and Canada.....	12,863	15,836	1,191	4,910,300	3,433,765
Other countries—not for missions.....	111	309	173	51,641	27,334
Foreign mission fields.....	247c	2,748	714	288,982	135,037
Grand Total: Luth. bodies of America	13,221	18,893	2,078	5,250,923	3,596,136
Conferences (U.S. and Canada):					
*American Lutheran Conference.....	4,363	6,329	280	1,537,041	1,092,263
**Synodical Conference.....	4,654	4,919	785	1,618,222	1,097,931

- (a) Includes Sunday schools, parochial day schools, vacation and week-day Bible schools.
 (b) Figure from 1936 U.S. Census of Religious Bodies.
 (c) Figure is for native ordained pastors only; missionaries are counted on roll of bodies that send them out.

25. Okt. 1959

Card. mag. Povl Engestoft
København V, Danmark

Kære Hr. Engelstoft:

Deres Henvendelse til mig om nogle Oplysninger om en af vore ældre Præster i Den forenede danske ev. lutherske Kirke i Am., nemlig Pastor Anders Kirkegaard, skal jeg forsøge at imødekomme saa vidt jeg har tilgængelige Data om ham. Desværre blev min oprindelige biografiske Samling om vore Præster ødelagt i en Brand paa Luth. Publ. House her i Blair d. 15. Febr. 1953, og jeg har ikke formaaet at faa en ny Samling udarbejdet, hvilket i mange Tilfælde bliver umuligt.

Først tillad mig at sige, at det er mig noget af en Overraskelse at Pastor A. Kirkegaard har udgivet noget bogligt, der kunde berette ham til at blive omtalt i det af Dem nævnte Størværk. Selv har jeg samlet i mange Aar paa dansk-amerikansk Litteratur, særlig vedrørende kirkelige Forhold, men aldrig har jeg set eller hørt om noget fra hans Haand udover Bladartikler. Om det Værk, De nævnte, skulde være blevet udgivet i Danmark, er vel muligt uden at jeg har opsporet det. Jeg kendte Pastor Kirkegaard temmelig godt i min Ungdom; han var til Tider i mit Hjem og jeg i hans. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Her er imidlertid de Oplysninger jeg har ved Haanden:

Ifølge sin Vita (se "Kirke-Bladet" 1889, Side 213-214, Organ for Den danske ev. luth. Kirkesamfund i Am., trykt i Blair, Nebr. er han født d. 4. Okt. 1860 i Harboøre Sogn, Ringkøbing Amt, Danmark, Søn af Laurits Nielsen og Sidsel Marie f. Kristensen; blev hjemmedøbt 22. Okt. s. A.; konfirmeret 4. Apr. 1875 i Harboøre Kirke af Pastor J. Johnson. Lærte Tømmerhaandværket og fulgte samme som sørejsende Svend. I sit 18. Aar vakte han ~~XXXXXX~~ Længsel efter Fred med Gud og derpaa efter at virke som Missionær. Hans Tanke blev henvendt paa Amerika og hans ansøgte 6 Aar senere ~~xxxx~~ hos den "Dansk-amerikanske Missions Bestyrelse" om Antagelse. Han fik lidt Understøttelse til at studere i København og da saa Den Dansk Lutherske Kirke i Am. fik oprettet en Præsteskole (i Vest Danmark, Polk County, Wis.) fik han fri Rejse dertil i 1887 og Understøttelse til at studere der. Hans Forlovede, Anina Johanne Christensen fra Langeland, rejste med ham og fik Arbejde i Chicago. Han studerede et Aar paa nævnte Skole, men fandt sig ikke hjemme i den Aand, der raadede i det grundtvigske prægede Kirkesamfund (han var indremissionsk paavirket fra Harboøre af C. Moe og senere i København) og sluttede sig til Blair-Samfundet og fik Arbejde som Indremissionær i Polk County, medens han studerede videre paa egen Haand. Den 23. Jan. 1889 blev han gift med sin Forlovede og d. 2. Juni, 1889, ordineret af Formand G. B. Christiansen under den Forenede danske Kirkes Aarsmøde i Hutchinson, Minn. paa Kald fra en af ham begyndt Missionsmenighed i Milltown, Wis. og andre Steder i Omegnen. Han betjente følgende Kald i samme Samfund: I Milltown til Maj 1890; Hutchinson, Minn. til Dec. 1891; Minden, Nebr. 1892-94; Fremont, Nebr. 1894-98; Latimer/Thornton, Iowa, 1898-1908; Scranton, Ia. 1908-14; Laurens, N. Y. 1914-21. Retired og bosat i Laurens, N. Y. til d. 13. Okt. 1940, da han døde. Hans Hustru døde i 1934. Tre Døtre og tre Sønner overlevede dem. Den ældste Søn, Christian Sriver Kirkegaard, blev ordineret til Præst d. 11. Juni 1922 i samme Samfund, men gik senere over i United Lutheran Church. Hans nuværende Adresse er

Som sagt kender jeg intet til Pastor A. K.'s litterære Produktion og hans Nekrolog i "Dansk Almanak 1941", skrevet af Pastor I. M. Hansen, nævner heller intet derom.

Venligst Hilsen

P. C. Jensen

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Medens jeg er ved det vilde det maaske interessere Dem at vide hvilke af vore Præster og andre i Den forenede danske ev.luth.Kirke i Am.(nu er jo "danske" udeladt af Navnet det er bedst kendt herovre som "United Ev. Luth.Church"), der har forfattet udgivne Bøger. Jeg har ikke en fuldstændig Liste ved Haanden, men følgende "avne kan tjene foreløbigt. Skulde De ønske videre Oplysning er jeg til Tjeneste. Endvidere er Professor Paul Nyholm jo endnu i København og er Medlem af vor Historiekomite, saa han kan muligvis erindre andre.

Pastor Kristian Anker: SÅD OG HØST; SMAAHISTORIER; HELENE; Huset i Gyden
" A.M.Andersen: VEJLEDNING FOR UDVANDRERE TIL AMERIKA; HANS HERLIGHED
" G.B.Christiansen: EN NYTAARSGAVE; VINK TIL GENNEMSLASNING AF BIBELEN;
RECOLLECTIONS OF FIFTY YEARS WORK IN AMERICA.
" Chr.Christensen: SØNDAGSSKOLEN (en historisk Oversigt)
" Theodor P.Beck: PROFESSOR P.S.VIG; (mange Historier i Dansk Almanak)
" Jens P.Heede: PAA DØRETSKELEN (over Johs.Aab.); OVER HAV OG LAND
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" Iver M.Hansen: VEJBLØMSTER; Udstillingsfrugter-II: EN GUDS MAND (L.Mathi
" asen); PASTOR ROHES MINDETAVLE; MADS ANDERSEN; ~~af~~.
Chr.Falck: OM OG AF GAMLE PASTOR N.B.GRØNBECK; DAHLSTØMS MINDE; OASER; osv
" Jens.J.Kiisig: MORGENGRY; PASTOR P.C.TRANDBERGS LIV OG VIRKSOMHED;
FREMTIDEN
" Stinus S.Loft: THE INNER MISSION MOVEMENT IN DENMARK
" C.H.Jensen: DEN HELLEGE NADVER
" J.Chr.Petersen: SMULER ON BARNEDAABEN
" Carsten C.Kloth: SALIGE DØDSLEJER; SOM GENNEM ILD
" Christoffer H.M.Krogh: I GUDS NAADES LY
" Niels P.Lang: LIFE OF LUTHER
" Jens Madsen: EBEN-EZER (om den danske Barmhertighedsanstalt i Brush, C.
" P.C.Jensen: HISTORY OF THE IOWA DISTRICT (UELIC)

Af Læggfolk bør nævnes:

Redaktør H.Skov Nielsen: History of TRINITY SEMINARY AND DANA COLLEGE (Blair
"A Guardian of the Faith" (life of Dr.N.C.Carlsen)
Agnes Ringsborg: "Gaa væk Skygge, nu kommer Solen" (engl. "Shadows and Sunshine")

Venligst

P.C.Jensen, Blair, Nebr.
Redaktør af "Luthersk Ugeblad"
Statistiker, Historiker og
Arkivist af United Ev.Luth.Church

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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: Christian Scriver Kirkegaard

Born when: June 4, 1892 where: at Frederiksburg Parsonage, Minden, Nebr.

Parents: Rev/Anders Kirkegaard and wife, Annine

Baptized when and where: as infant Frederiksburg Church, Minden

Confirmed when and where: Spring 1907, Scranton, Iowa by whom: his father

If immigrant, date of arrival in America: located where: United Danish Lutheran Church

Date of ordination: June 11, 1922 where: Conv. at Racine, Wis. by whom: Rev. M. N. Andreasen

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

Transferred to United Luth. Church of Am. in 1925

Retired from active ministry when: 1957 why: age

Located where: Lynbrook, L.I., N.Y. occupation: Chaplain Meadowbrook Hospital, L.I.

If dead, what date: Dec. 27, 1962 where: Wantagh, Long Island, N.Y. cause: auto collision on Express Way

Buried where: Long Island National Cemetery at Pine Lawn, N.Y. date: Dec. 30, 1962

Marriage: (1) to whom Freda Falck date and place: Sept. 1925 Cordova, Nebr.

Wife's birthdate and place: Oct. 25, 1894, a public schoolteacher at Potter, Dalton, Oshkosk, and Larimie, Wyo. Educated at Elk Horn, Ia. 1910-12; Dana College 1913-14 & '15-16.

Her parents: Rev. Chr. & Mrs. Falck location: Cordova, Nebr.

Freda also taught public School at Royal, Ia. and summer rel. sch. at Blair, Nebr.

If wife is dead, give date: Died Dec. 28, 1962 in same accident as her husband.

Survived by brothers Paul Falck, Cordova, Nebr and Joh Falck, Beaver Crossing, Neb

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

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

Mrs. Edward Edler, Jr., 37 Downhill Lane, Wantagh, N.Y.

Biographical Record of Ministers

The United Danish Ev. Luth. Church, The Danish Ev. Luth. Church Association in America and The Danish Ev. Luth. Church in North America

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Personal Data: (Please give all information you can)

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

Parents of ~~Skriver~~ Skriver K. were pioneers in the Lutheran mission.... among Danish settlers in America. Father immigrated from Denmark in 1887 and was ordained June 2, 1889 by Pres. G. B. Christiansen of the Danish Luth. Church Conference, org. 1884 at Blair, Nebr. When this merged into the United Danish Ev. Luth. Church in 1896 he became a charter member of this synod,.... and served churches several places in ~~the~~ Nebr. and Iowa, and last at Laurens, N.Y. where he and his wife retired and died. Two survive Skriver, Mrs. Ellen Nielsen and Mrs. Ingeborg Gramp, formerly at Denver. They were cousins to Martin L. Kirkegaard, former secretary of UDELCO. Rev. A. Kirkegaard died in 1940.

Freda's parents were also pioneers in the Danish Luth. Mission over here; Her father Rev. Chr. Falck immigrated from Denmark in 1884 and was ordained in 1855 and served the Danish Ev/Luth. Church until 1894, when he with 19 other pastors seceded and organized the Danish Luth. Church in North Am. which joined the Blair Church to found the United Danish Church in 1896. Rev. Falck died 1938 at Cordova, Nebr.

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

High Schools: ... Skriver K. attended the Danish Highschool at Elk Horn, Iowa, in the winters of 1908, 1909 & 1911; in 1913 his father bought a farm at Laurens N.Y. and moved there, also serving a small local Danish congregation. Skriver enrolled at nearby Hartwick Luth. College (ULCA) in 1914 and graduated from its Seminary in 1922, having in the meantime also served USA in the armed forces a while during the first World War.

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): .. Hartwick College, Oneonta, N.Y.: ... 1914-18.....

Received: S.D.D.

Theological Schools: .. Hartwick Seminary .. 1919-22.....

Honorary Degrees received (give name of institution and date): Had a Dr. degree.

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.

Bethany Danish Lutheran Church, Plainfield, N.J. 1922-1925. (UDELC)

It merged with a ULCA congregation same place which he served until 1932

St. John's Lutheran Church, Lynbrook, L.I., N.Y. 1932-57.

Was voted Pastor ~~emeritus~~ of same.

Chaplain part-time Meadowbrook Hospital, 1957 Long Island, 1958-62 and full-time thereafter until his death.

Served a while as Am. Legion Chaplain for State of New York.

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Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

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:

IN MEMORIAM

Thursday after Christmas we heard over the radio that our dear friends Pastor and Mrs. Scriver Kirkegaard both were killed in an accident on a Long Island Expressway. Pastor Kirkegaard was the son of the late pastor Anders Kirkegaard of the former U.E.L.C., and his wife, Freda, was the daughter

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C. M. Wedebach Pastor

Date *1963* Signed *R. C. Jensen*

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Return this report as soon as possible to

Cordova Nebr
Mar 7, 1963

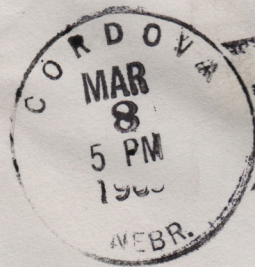
Dear P.C.

I received your card relative
to an obituary of Freda + Seriver.

We received a clipping taken
from "The Long Island Lutheran". It
was rather brief and did not
connect either one with the old
N.E.L.C. So I have been delving into
the past trying to reconstruct
some thing that I thought might
be of aid to you in compiling your
records of the past.

Venlig Nelson

P.F. FANCK
CORDOVA-NEBR.



Rev P. C. Jensen
Blair

Dr. Christian Scriver Kirkegaard ~~son of~~
Pastor A. Kirkegaard was born at Frederiksborg
Nebraska June 2, 1892. (This was near Minden, Nebr)

He attended Elk Horn College 1908-1909
and 1910-1911

In 1913 his folks bought a farm at
Lawrens New York. Scriver accompanied
them and operated the farm for several
years. (as I recall it) He received his pre-
Seminary + Seminary training at Hartwick
College. He was a veteran of World War I.

He was ordained at the N. E. S. C. convention
at ^{Racine Wis} ~~Fremont, Neb~~ in 192² (Check this for
date of Fremont convention) He received a
call from Plainfield New Jersey in 192²
and served this congregation until 19²⁵ ~~32~~.

In ^{Sept} 1925 he was married to Freda
Falek, daughter of Pastor Christian Falek
who at that time was retired and
resided at Cordova, Nebr.

He moved to Lynbrook, Long Island
in 1932 and served as pastor of St. Johns
Lutheran Church for 25 year and was

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named Pastor Emeritus of that Church
upon his retirement in 1957.

Shortly after his retirement he
became part time Chaplain at
Meadowbrook Hospital Long Island.
In 1962 he became full time Chaplain
of that institution and served until
his death.

He served for many years on the board
of directors of the Nassau Council of Churches.
He was also active in the American
Legion serving as chaplain. At one
time he was Chaplain for the State
of New York.

He died as a result of a two car accident
at Wantagh Long Island on Dec. 27-'62.

Religious services for Pastor Herbegeard
and wife, who died as a result of same accident
were held in St Johns Lutheran Church
Lynbrook L. I. on Dec. 30-'62. Interment
was at Long Island National Cemetery
Pine Lawn, New York.

He is survived by one daughter Mrs. Edw. Edler,
737 Downhill Lane Wantagh New York, and

Two sisters Ellen Nielsen and Ingeborg
Gamp. (addresses unknown to me)

Mrs C. S. Hirkegaard, nee Freda Falek,
was born near Cordova, Neb. Oct. 25 1894.

She was the daughter of Pastor Christian Falek

She attended Luther College at Jewell
Iowa 1909-10. Elk Horn College 1910-11.

She taught vacation school for the Elk Horn
Congregation in the summer of 1911. She
returned to Elk Horn College in 1912 and
graduated from the Academic Dept. in
the spring of 1913. There were 3 in this
Class Ingeborg Olsen, ^{ne. Tony Aagaard,} C. A. Stub and ^{Pastor: Dill} Freda
Falek. (It is my understanding that this
was the first and only class to graduate
from a full academic course at Elk Horn
College)

In the fall of 1913 Freda enrolled in
the Normal dept. of Dana College. She received
a Certificate to teach in the spring of 1914

1914+15 she taught in the Public school
at Royal, Iowa. (Peter Romer was superintendent
that year)

In the fall of 1915 she returned to Dana College

Completed the normal course and graduated from the normal Dept in the spring of 1916. That summer she taught the Vacation school for the congregation at Blair.

During the Period 1916 to 1925 she taught in the Public schools at the following places Patten, Nebr., Dalton, Nebr., Oshkosh, Nebr. and Laramie, Wyo. She also took summer work at the Universities of Nebr. + Wyo.

She was married to Pastor Kirkegaard in Sept 1925 at Cordova, Nebr. She died Dec 28, 1962 as a result of the same accident that took the life of her husband.

Religious services were held as mentioned above.

She is survived by one Daughter and 2 brothers

Miss Edna Callen

Paul Falek Cordova, Nebr.
John Falek Beaver Crossing, Nebr.