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KLOTH, ADOLPH BRORSON LAURENCE
1916-

See Kloth family tree
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for more information
on Adolph Kloth

Ny amerikansk præst i København udpeget

Den amerikanske lutherske menighed i København har fået ny præst efter pastor William J. Hanson, som kom til Danmark i 1961. Den ny præst er pastor Adolph Kloth, som er kommet til København fra Orange i Californien.

Pastor Adolph Kloth er 50 år og af dansk afstamning, hans bedsteforældre og forældre udvandrede fra Danmark. Hans fader var født i Bedsted og hans mor i Tjæreborg. Han har fået teologisk uddannelse bl a. på Dana College og Trinity Seminary i Blair Nebraska samt på flere andre teologiske læreanstalter.

DDO: 27. Maj 1965

^{D.O.} Kirkelig ^{23 Sept. 1965} Rundskue

Den amerikanske kirke i København, som tidligere har haft sine gudstjenester i K. F. U. M.-lokalet, er nu flyttet ind i Den danske sømandskirken ved Nyhavn 22. Den er bare to kvartaler fra Kongens Nytorv og er vel kendt af turister som besøger byen. Dette er en forandring som menigheden sætter stor pris paa, meldes fra København. Menighedens nuværende prest er Adolph Kloth. Han blev indsat i april iaar av biskop Westergaard Madsen av København, den danske statskirkes primas. Indsættelsen blev bl. a. overværet av de Forenede Staters ambassadør til Danmark, Mrs. Katherine Elkhuis White. Pastor Kloth har tidligere betjent menigheder i California og har overtaget stillingen efter pastor William Hansen, som reiste tilbage til Amerika for at overta stillingen som misjonsdirektør for Stillehavsdistriktet inden Den amerikanske lutherske kirke. — Miss Olivia Tufte blev nylig indsat som "parish worker" i menigheden; hun avløser Miss Roma Larsen. Miss Tuftes søster, Amanda, er "parish worker" i Den amerikanske lutherske kirke i Oslo, Norge. De er døtre av A. E. Tufte, Harlow, N. Dak. Menigheden i København er nu fire aar gammel. Dr. Philip Dybvig, Minneapolis, Minn., eksekutivdirektør for misjonsdepartementet inden Den amerikanske lutherske kirke, var 4 dage i København i august maaned paa en inspeksjonstur der. Under hans ophold der blev en tomt for ny kirke for menigheden, kjøbt. Den blir paa Strandvejen i nordre del av København.

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: Adolph Brorson Laurence Kloth

Born when: Dec. 31, 1915 where: Elk Horn, Iowa

Baptized when and where: Jan 3, 1916 Danish Lutheran - Elk Horn, Ia.

Confirmed when and where: May 1930, St Ansgar Toronto, Can. by whom: C.C. Kloth

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

Date of ordination: June 14th 1942 where: Blair, Nebr. by whom: N.C. Carlsen

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: where: cause:

Buried where date

Marriage: (1) to whom Lucille Marie Neve date and place: May 27, 1940 Ringsted, Iowa

Wife's birthdate and place: April 14, 1914 Ringsted, Iowa

Her parents: George & Marie Hansen Neve location: Ringsted, Iowa

If wife is dead, give date

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

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

Joe L. Christopher Kloth ^{Born:} March 18, 1956 -
at Burbank, Calif.

We've also had 3 foster children in
our home: Maxine Bridges Boyce of
18800 Keswick St. Reseda, Cal. —
Frank & Tom Beach with us now 5/30/64

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: Falmouth High - Falmouth, Maine
1930 - 1934

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): Dana - Blair Melr B.A.,
1939 " Trinity Sem. 1942 B.D.

Graduate Summer School - Chicago Lutheran
for 4 or 5 sessions, Pacific Lutheran
at Berkeley for 3 sessions to date

Theological Schools:

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

Other specific training:

Additional comment on above:

Have taken summer school simply in an effort to keep abreast and be a better parish pastor.

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

St Pauls - Penn Yan, N.Y. 1942-1945
First Lutheran - Fremont, Neb. 1945-1951
Valley Lutheran - No. Hollywood, Calif. 1951-1962
Christ Lutheran - Orange, Calif. 1962 -

Valley Luth & Christ Luth were both new home mission projects - Valley 2⁺ years old when I came there. Christ at Orange completely new.

NOTE: Our previous biographical records were lost in the fire that destroyed the office building of the Lutheran Publishing House in 1955. Where the original material also had its office. This account for numbers of their family far contact data. We assumed an opportunity in gathering this historical data will be highly appreciated. Please fill in what you can. Perhaps with the assistance of others acquainted with subject. If you may either have it or borrow it, please send it along. All our collection of data was also turned 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

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

Dist. Luth League Pres. - Atlantic Dist.
Intersynodical Commission on the Liturgy
for 3 years.

Welfare Board in Neb & Pacif District
many other committees - including
provisional Comm for Calif. Luth College

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

Teacher of Greek & Bible at Midland
College - Fremont - 1 year as
a substitute.

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

Wells Of Salvation
Doctrinal & other articles in
Brotherhood Programs - Youth Programs - the
Augsburg Lutheran

Additional information of interest:

1959 I had a 3 month scholarship
from Luth World Fed. for study in
Denmark & Sweden.

Date

5/30/64

Signed

Adolph Stoth

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Return this report as soon as possible to

REV. P. C. JENSEN

BLAIR, NEBRASKA

Valley Lutheran Church

7400 Tujunga Avenue
North Hollywood, California



ADOLPH KLOTH, PASTOR
POPLAR 5-0483

STANLEY HANSEN, INTERN PASTOR
7333 WOODMAN AVE, APT. 10,
VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA.

Member of: UNITED EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH; NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL; LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION; WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

March 21, 1958

Pastor P.C. Jensen
Editor: The Luthersk Ugeblad
Blair, Nebraska

Dear Pastor Jensen,

From Valley Lutheran Church, North Hollywood, California, we bring you the following announcement which we would like to appear in the News Column of The Luthersk Ugeblad.

The Reverend Roland H. Hansen of Brooklyn, Wisconsin, has accepted a call to serve as associate pastor in Valley Lutheran Church, North Hollywood, California. Pastor Hansen expects to be in North Hollywood, the first part of July, and will officially take up his duties as associate pastor on August 1, 1958.

Valley Lutheran Church is delighted in this progress of additional staff. It is our hope that we will the better be able to serve the community in which we have been placed.

Sincerely yours,

Adolph Kloth
(by L.H.)
Adolph Kloth, pastor.

The American Lutheran Congregation of Copenhagen

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52001

Aug 30/69

Dear Sir:

Can you find and send information to us on Mr. Otto Hansen, Treas. of the U. U. L. C. back in the 1920's? He was grandfather to my wife. We'd especially like to know exactly where he was born over here in Denmark - also information on his first wife if there is any.

Thanks,

Dolph
Lott

I contacted a granddaught. ~~man~~ and sent a letter about what I found out about O.H.

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Temporary Worship location: Seaman's Church, Nyhavn 22, Copenhagen K., Denmark

Future Church site: Corner of Tuborgvej and Lundevangsvej

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1940 # 126

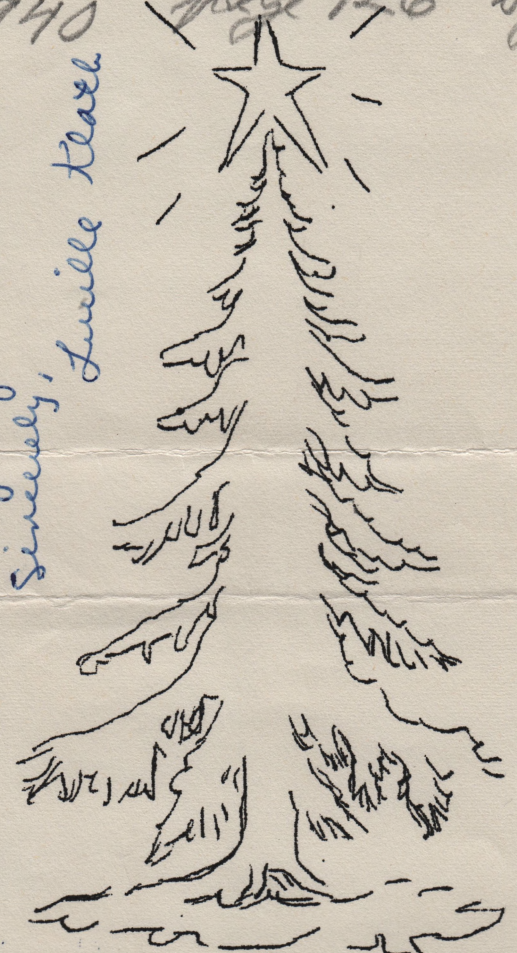
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Mindeord om Otto Hansen is in Dansk Almanach

1940 page 136 by P.B. Jensen

Gjølingsvej 10
2900 Hellerup, Danmark
CHRISTMAS 1969

Thank you so much for sending the book with information on my grandfather. We are preserving it father here. Please let us know if there is a charge for the book. Sincerely, Lucille Kloth



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO YOU!

Last year, because of the State-side dock strike, many of you received our Christmas greetings in late March; some wrote they never received our greetings at all! We received some of yours in March, also. So it has been a short year.

This past year many of our relatives and friends were tourists, and found their way to our home. Now we look forward to those of you who have indicated that 1970 is your year for travel in Europe.

We had three high lights this year. First was our trip to Spain. Our good friend, Anne Lynch, invited us to be her guests in her beautiful and spacious apartment in Madrid. Not only was she an excellent hostess, but also a wonderful tour guide in Madrid and other places of interest in Spain. We tented going to Spain and returning, stopping at such places of interest as Worms, Heidelberg, Gunsbach (where Schweitzer

was born), Burgos, San Sebastian, Chartres, Versailles, and another brief stop in Paris. If you could be assured of the good weather we enjoyed, we would recommend to you that tenting is the way to see Europe. It is the best way we know to meet the people.

Our second high light came in late July when Elaine and Arnold brought Lucille's father here for three wonderful weeks. He was delighted to visit in Jutland the places where his parents lived and were baptized, confirmed and married, as well as to meet relatives he had never seen.

The third high light came in October when our congregation hosted the Overseas American Pastors and Pastors' Wives Conference. Pastoral couples came from as far as Moscow, Istanbul, Tripoli and Cairo. We were forty registered. The sharing of our faith experiences, participation in the excellent studies and the "extra-curricular" activities will be in our memories for a long time.

We are still experiencing a slow period in the life of our church here, tho the past few weeks has shown improvement. With a strong reliance on prayer and hard work, we look for better days.

One of the rich experiences of this past year has been a warm relationship with our København University student neighbor, Carsten Møller, and through him, his family. We shall always treasure their friendship.

We are optimistic enough to close with the old fashioned wish for the new year: HAPPY NEW YEAR! It is a disturbed and changing world, but if each one over-extends himself in prayer and work to right the wrongs, it can be a Happy New Year.

A blessed Christmas in the Name of Christ, Whose coming we celebrate and Who is our Life and Hope.

The Kloths

Adolph and Lucille Kloth and Joel

Our Christmas cards are post cards of some interesting churches we've seen this year Here's one for you.

The American Lutheran Church



LUTHER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Pastor E. W. Sihler, M.Th., Asst. Archivist
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Pastor Robert C. Wiederaenders, S.T.M., Archivist
333 Wartburg Place
Dubuque, Iowa 52002

September 9, 1969

Rev. P. C. Jensen
115 S. 18th Street
Blair, Nebraska 68008

Dear Pastor Jensen,

Thank you for your kind letter of August 16. I am glad to hear that the Dana Library is complete and the books are being moved. I will keep in touch with the librarian so that whenever he wants KIRKELIG SAMLER we can send it; and whatever church records he feels should be in the archives can be transferred here. I will not get over for the dedication. It conflicts with a meeting I must attend.

Enclosed is a letter from Pastor Adolph Kloth. I think you should be able to help him. I checked far enough to find out that Mr. Otto Hansen lived in Blair. So if you don't have the information in your desk (or somewhere between the floor and the rafters) you could get it from the church records. You might want to write directly to him then. But if you happen to have a biographical sketch of Otto Hansen, we should have a copy of it in the archives.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Wiederaenders

Kloth
Spurlingsvej 10
2900 Hellerup, Denmark

From Pastor Arvid Erik Korth
Copenhagen



Pastor P. C. Jensen
115 South 18th St.
Blair, Nebraska 68008
USA

*Paul Myholme
Thank you
Adolph Kloth*

FAMILY TREE OF CARSTEN CHRISTIAN KLOTH, PASTOR

August 1, 1875 - December 12, 1963.

By
Adolph Kloth, March 1970

*Look forward
to your
visit
A. Kloth*

The Royal Archive building in Åbenrød, North Slæsvig, Denmark has the church record books for the parish church at Bedsted - Lø, Denmark.

In the books for 1875, page 73 of the Baptism register I found the following in Danish: "Carsten Christian Kloth, ægtefødt søn af Snæker Heinrich Julius Kloth og sammes hustru Gertrud Marie født Thomsen. Fødsel 1 Aug. 1875, Døb 9 Sept. 1875. Faddere: Thomas Thomsen, Anne Marie Haugaard, Lorenz Clemensen.

A translation of the above would be: "Carsten Christian Kloth, legitimate son of finishing carpenter Heinrich Julius Kloth and said man's wife Gertrud Marie born Thomsen. Born Aug. 1, 1875, baptized Sept. 9, 1875. Sponsors: Thomas Thomsen (the grandfather) Anne Marie Haugaard (who later became the second wife of Thomas "Klosmager" Thomsen) Lorenz Clemensen. ("Klosmager" was a wood shoemaker, which profession Thomas Thomsen worked at in his later years in Bedsted. A. K. got this parenthetic information from Anne and Cecilia Dam in Bedsted, two old girls who are the daughters of Gunde Marie Kloth's best friend, and sisters to Ole Dam. the man all of us Kloths visited in 1968, and on whose farm the house lay in which C. C. Kloth was born.)

Church books, Bedsted Pr. Lø, page 84, 1850, Baptism register. Dåbs Register: "No. 5. Født: 5 Juni, 1850, Døbt 23 Juni, 1850, Gjertrud Maria Thomsen, ægte datter af Inderster og gartner Thomas Jacobsen Thomsen og hustru Gunda Maria født Ovesen (other places spelled Outzen) i Bedsted.

Translation of the above, which is the baptism register of the mother of C. C. Kloth: "No. 5. Born June 5, 1850 Baptized June 23, 1850 Gjertrud Maria Thomsen, legitimate daughter of peasant house dweller and gardener Thomas Thomsen and his wife Gunda Maria born Ovesen (other places spelled Outzen) in Bedsted.

Copulations Register (Marriage register) i Bedsted Sogn (parish) Side 466 År 1840. No. 5. 30 Juli, Ungkarlen Thomas Jacobsen Thomsen, ægte søn af Inderster Lauritz Jacobsen Thomsen P. T. i Ahaendrup (now spelled Arndrup) og afdøde Gjertrud Maria født Thomsen med pigen Gunda Maria født Ovesen der er ægte datter af Kådner afdøde Christen Ovesen, i Bedsted, og afdøde Kirsten Gregers datter, sammested.

Translation of the above, which is the marriage register of the parents of Gertrud Thomsen, the mother of C. C. Kloth: Marriage Register Bedsted Parish, page 466 year 1840. No. 5. July 30th, Young man Thomas Jacob Thomsen, legal son of Peasant-house dweller Lauritz Jacobsen Thomsen, pro. tem in Arndrup, and deceased Gjertrud Marie born Thomsen with the girl Gunda Maria born Ovesen (Outzen) who is the legal daughter of peasant-house owner but deceased Christen Ovesen, in Bedsted, and deceased Kirsten Gregers daughter (Gregersen) of the same place. (Bedsted).

Then, in the Marriage register (Copulations Register) of Bedsted Parish (Sogn) I found this interesting record in Danish: "17 Maj, 1875. No. 2. Ungkarl Heinrich Julius Kloth, uægte søn af Tjeneste-i pigen Margarethe Dorothea Kloth i Stendorf (Eutin) født den 21 Dec. 1850, døbt den 2 Febr. 1851, Confir. i (not clear) Cleave i året 1866. Attest udstilt af R. M. Müller, Eutin d. 24 Nov. 1865, MED Enken Gertrud Marie Andersen, Født Thomsen, ægte datter af Thomas Thom-

page 2. Family Tree of Carsten Kloth.
sen i Bedsted og afdøde Gunder Marie født Outzen, født 5 Juni, døbt
den 23 Juni in 1850 Confir. d. 25 Marts 1866. Den 30 Maj 1873 ægte-
viiede hun med Carsten S. Andersen som afgik ved døden samme år den 28
Nov. (Then in German) Attest über Aufnahme der heiratsurkende
Bedsted 17 Maj 1875 N. M. Frandsen.

Translation of the above: Marriage Register Bedsted 1875.
May 17th 1875, "No. 2. Youngman Heinrich Julius Kloth, the illegitimate
son of servant girl Margarethe Dorethea Kloth in Stendorf (Eutin)
born the 21st of Dec. 1850, baptized the 2nd of Febr. 1851, confir.
in (?) Clease in the year 1866, certificate given out by R. N.
Müller, Eutin, the 24th of Nov. 1865. WITH
the widow Gertrud Marie Andersen, born Thomsen, legal or legitimate
daughter of Thomas Thomsen in Bedsted and deceased Gunder Marie born
Outzen, born June 5, 1850, Baptized 23rd of June 1850, confir. 25th
of March 1866. The 30th of May 1873 she married with Carsten S.
Andersen who died the same year on Nov. 28th."

(Note by A. Kloth.) Then in German, for Slesvig Holsten was taken
from Denmark by Prussia in 1864 after having been Danish Crown
Duchies since 800 A. D. and German now had to be used in official
matters, one finds the following, in English translation: "Certificate
above the name of court secretary, N. M. Frandsen, Bedsted, May 17,
1875. Note also above that Heinrich J. Kloth got his certificate
of birth and confirmation only after he was 14 years and 11 months
old. This may have been the time he and his mother moved up to North
Slesvig. His mother is known to have been in Flensburg No. Slesvig
for a photograph, which Otto Schlüter has and I have a slide of, after
1863, the date the photographic establishment in Flensburg was founded.
Note further above, that widow Gertrud Andersen was about 5½ months
pregnant with Carsten Christian Kloth at the time she was married to
Heinrich J. Kloth. This was not uncommon in Denmark then as it is
also quite common in Denmark today. It is partly due to the fact that
they have a semi-legal engagement period here with ring worn on the
left hand, which is then moved to the right hand when marriage takes
place.

The following in Bedsted Church Books: Dåbs Register 1873.
Thomas Christian Peter Andersen, ægte søn af Carsten Andersen og
Gertrud Marie Thomsen, født i Bedsted 16 July 1873, døbt 24 Aug. 1873.
Faddere: Wilhelm Bøttner, Christian N. Outzen Mathis Dall, i Bedsted.

Translation of the above: "Baptism register in Bedsted church Book,
1873, Thomas Christian Peter Andersen, the legitimate son of Carsten
Andersen and Gertrud Marie Thomsen, born in Bedsted July 16, 1873,
Baptized Aug. 24, 1873. Sponsors: Wm. Bøttner, Christian Outzen,
Mathis Dall in Bedsted.

(Note by A. Kloth): This boy, Thomas C. P. Andersen, is then the
older half-brother of Carsten C. Kløth. He appears, we think, on a
photo of the Heinrich J. Kloth family which was taken in Flensburg,
and which is in the possession of Otto Schlüter, Wotansweg 25 Flens-
burg Germany. According to the date of marriage Gertrud Marie Thomsen
Andersen Kloth was also 6 months pregnant with this boy before she
was married! What else did sons and daughters of peasants have to
do in those days! No Television! The above then takes the
Thomsen side of the family of C. C. Kloth almost back to the 1700's
in the persons of C. C. Kloth's maternal-paternal ^{great} grandparents, who
were Lauritz Jacobsen Thomsen and his wife Gjertrud Marie, Nee
Thomsen, Thomsen, pro tem of Arndrup near Bedsted; and his maternal
maternal ^{great} grand parents, who were Christen Ovesen (Outzen) and his wife
Kirsten Greger's daughter, or in modern use, Gregersen, both of Bedsted.
Bedsted figures very big in his background.

, According to an obituary written by Dr. Paul Nyholm in the paper, Kirke og Folk, July 10, 1964 (Askov Minnesota) Gertrud Thomsen Kloth died of typhoid fever when Carsten C. Kloth was only four years old, and was buried in the lovely churchyard of Løgum cloister Church in Løgumkloster No. Slesvig, Denmark. I believe father once told me he was about age 9 when she died. He could just barely remember it, he said. This can be confirmed by the Løgumkloster church book if I can get at it. After her death, according to cousin Otto Schlüter, the three children, Carsten, Gunde Marie Kloth Schlüter and Magrethe Kloth Hansen were placed in homes of relatives or friends. Gunde Marie and Magrethe did not meet one another until they were grown girls. Marie, we know, was raised by the grand parents in Bedsted. Carsten lived in such places as Rødekro, Tre Spring near Jejsing and Hostrup, and Løgumkloster, all in North Slesvig. When he was about 13 years old Carsten moved into the home of the re-married Heinrich J. Kloth in Flensburg, in which city he was confirmed in St. Nikolai Church on Palm Sunday 1890. After this time, according to aunt Marie, Carsten was a farm boy on a peasant farm. He hated the work and read books so much that the farmer one day said he was good for nothing but to go to school!

It is therefore apparent that C. C. Kloth's mother's family is of old, old North Slesvig Danish background, that part of the duchy where low Danish has always been the language, and still is today. His father, on the other hand, comes from the old, old Danish duchy of Holsten where low German has always been the dominant language and still is today. These provinces or duchies were Danish Crown duchies from 800 to 1864. From 1864 to 1920 they were both, first under Prussian rule, having been taken by Bismark in a short war, and then under German Empire rule. C. C. Kloth grew up in the northernmost part of the duchy at the time that German was the official language of the schools. This meant that he spoke German in all of his schooling, but low-Danish or "Slesvisk" on the farms on which he worked. His confirmation was also in German in St. Nikolai Church in Flensburg. This was a time in the history of the two duchies when feelings ran high, and all people were more or less compelled by circumstances to favor either German or Danish rule. Not until after World War I did the people of the area themselves get a say in the political matter. Then in 1920 a referendum vote found the language and cultural boundary of today to be where the political or national boundary is today.

The Following notes are a translation from Danish of parts of an obituary written in Kirke Og Folk July 10, 1964 by Dr. Paul Nyholm, who loved and respected C. C. Kloth.

When Kloth in 1898 sought ordination in the United Danish Ev. Lutheran Church in America he wrote in his "vita" that his confirmation had no meaning whatsoever for him, because he had no idea at all about a living faith in Jesus Christ. He writes, "Like a hypocrite I walked up to the altar and promised the lord faithfulness without having the slightest intention of keeping the promise."

Yet, in his earlier childhood he had hoped that he might be a pastor. And this desire he had still. Short after his confirmation he sought entrance in the preparatory section of the school in the town of Kropp Slesvig, then a part of the Deaconess Institute which is still there. But he got the reply that no person could be accepted before he was 17 years old.

At this time Kloth again took work with a peasant farmer. He writes, "When I was surrounded by completely worldly people I was

page 4. Family Tree Of C. C. Kloth.
driven even further into the night of unbelief; yet, the desire to be a pastor I did not give up." And in 1893 he was admitted to the school in Kropp. Here he soon discovered that he "needed something", for he was constantly uneasy in spirit. He writes: "In that terrible condition I lived for a time, until in the third year of my study time I came to experience something of the truth of the Word.. " I do not want the death of any sinner, but that he should turn himself and live." On this text I heard a sermon, serious and heart-moving, preached by Pastor Wacker in the Deaconess Institute Church in Flensburg. Through that sermon I came to a consciousness of my sin and a living assurance concerning that which I needed. I stood there naked and uncovered before my God under conviction of sin; but God be praised, He did not leave me in that condition, but was faithful in His promise, 'Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.' He directed my eyes to that distant scene and showed me the One who also for me was the crucified deliverer.; He took me by the hand and led me to the foot of Calvary's cross, and there I found that peace whereof the Scriptures say, that it passes all understanding. I became a grace blessed child of God, and the Lord be praised, that by His grace and help I have been able to live with the peace of God in my heart until this very moment." (Note: All of C. C. Kloth's Vita is available in the archive, Dubuque, Iowa.) Dr. Nyholm continues, and I translate:

After five years study in the school at Kropp Kloth took his final exams and thereafter received further pastoral seminary training in a school in Switzerland for about six months. In 1897 he came to America, where he for five months studied at Dr. Seweringhaus' German Lutheran Seminary and taught Greek and Hebrew. He took a final exam there in 1898 from this Chicago school which was located on the present site of Wrigley Baseball field... During his stay in Chicago C. C. Kloth lived in a boarding house... which lay beside the former Danish Lutheran Ebenezer Church on Rockwell Street; and there he often visited in the home of Pastor L Petersen. And it is in some measure to Petersen's credit that Kloth decided to serve in a Danish American Church. In his Vita Kloth again writes: "After having closely examined the various Danish and German synods I have come to the conclusion that because of my need for working with believing pastors I will feel most at home in the United Danish Ev. Lutheran Church."...In this church Kloth was then ordained on June 5, 1898 together with five other men, one of whom was Dr. J. M. T. Winther... C. C. Kloth apparently had a longer time of service than any other pastor in the history of the UELC. He retired after 59 years and 11 months of service in May of 1957. He died six years later on Dec. 12, 1963. Four sons bore him to the grave. Pastor Kloth was married in 1898 to Christine Hansen, a South Jutlander (Slesviger) with whom he had become engaged before he came to America. After her death in Warren Pennsylvania he was married to Elisabeth Christiane Hansen in 1901 at Des Moines, Iowa where he was serving the Bethesda Church. The latter was born on Trasborg Mark in the township of Tjæreborg, near Esbjerg, Denmark, Febr. 1, 1880, and she bore 9 children to Kloth, seven of whom lived to adulthood. C. C. Kloth understood how to draw values from all of the four lands in which he lived... But his Christianity was not superficially international, but deeply anchored in Luther's teachings and Brorson's hymns which he loved to quote. In more than a half century Kloth worked in the United Danish Church with tough SouthJutlandic determination and faithfulness, the church he chose because he felt he would feel most at home in it. And apparently he never regretted his decision. So far the translated quote from Nyholm's obituary.

(Note by A. Kloth: I hope I can continue this, bringing in more information on the ancestry of Heinrich J. Kloth in Eutin, Holstein.)