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LANG, NIELS
1857-1897

57 Niels Lang

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: Niels Lang

Born when: Oct/25, 1857 where: Gredsted Sogn, near Ribe, Jutland, Denmark

Baptized when and where: as infant in the home church

Confirmed when and where: also confirmed there

Learned to be a carpenter and studied some.

If immigrant, date of arrival in America: 1878 located where: together with a younger brother Jens, who later became a Hardware Dealer in Audubon, Ia. and wellknown layman

Date of ordination: Oct. 23, 1892 where: St. Ansgar Church, Ringsted, Ia. by whom: Rev. A. S. Nielsen

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

Retired from active ministry when: why:

Located where: A memorial about him by Rev. W. M. Hansen is in Dansk Luth. Kirkeblad, Dec. 20, 1897. pp. 565-567.

If dead, what date: Dec. 6, 1897 where: Waupaca, Wis. cause: Pneumonia

Buried where: Helligaands Mgh. Kirke (Holy Ghost Church) date Dec. 9, 1897. Rev. H. J. Dahlstrom

Surviving him was also his parents and to small children, and several Søsken. yes. Her name not given

Marriage: (1) to whom date and place:

Wife's birthdate and place:

Her parents:

If wife is dead, give date

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

Handwritten note: Mrs Niels Lang nee Christine Hansen see LU 6-38-14 Born Sept -14- 1859 - Jalster? died 16 May 1938 Racine Wis 1886 pg 251

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

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 the Danish Highschool at Elk Horn, Iowa. 1884-88

Colleges (Give also degrees attained):

Theological Schools: and studied at the Danish Seminary West Denmark, near Luck, Wis. 1888 - 1892.

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

Other specific training:

Additional comment on above:
During his student years he spent 2 summers in Chicago assisting
the pastor of the Trinity Danish Church; and one summer at Racine, Wis,
asisting in the Emmaus Church

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

St. Ansgar Lutheran Church, Ringsted, Iowa, from his ordination to June
1897 when he accepted a call from
Helligaands Kirke (Holy Ghost Church) Waupaca, Wis. from his ordination
in and performed a didicated service there among the Danes until his
death in December same year.

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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 April 2, 1976 Signed

Rev. P. C. Jensen
115 So. 18th St.
Blair, Nebr. 68008

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