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WEISMAN, ANDERS CHRISTIAN
1863-1936

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: Mr Anders Christian Weismann

Born when: Mar/8, 1863 where: Jerne Parish near Esbjerg, Denmark

Parents: Rasmus Andersen & wife, Ane Maria nee Andersen. Father killed in war 1864

Baptized when and where: April 10, 1863 at local church (Danish State Church)

Confirmed when and where: April 8, 1877 same parish by whom: ?

If immigrant, date of arrival in America: no date but spiritually awakened when 19 and longed to serve the Lord. located where: Chicago (at ended Trandberg's Seminary)

Date of ordination: May 29, 1892 where: Council Bluffs, Io. by whom: G. B. Christiansen.
(see "Kirkebladet" 1892 pp.197)

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

Retired from active ministry when: 1932 why: illness & age

Located where: West Branch, Iowa occupation: none

If dead, what date: May 24, 1936 where: West Branch, Ia. cause: diabetes & nerve ailment

Buried where West Branch City Cemetery date May 27?

Petersen

Marriage: (1) to whom Carria Margrete date and place: Oct. 12, 1892 Co. Bluffs, Ia.
(She is regarded as the first american-born pastors wife in our synod.)

Wife's birthdate and place: Sept. 20, 1869 Rosholdt, Wisconsin

Her parents: no name given; father died when she wa one year old and then had her home
by an uncle, Jacob Nielsen location: Waupaca, Wis.

If wife is dead, give date Jan. 16, 1936 (from tuberculosis after 22 months at the
Iowa State Sanatorium at Oakdale, Ia.
Buried at West Branch, Ia. cemetery

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

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

Had five children:

Edna

Beda

Ruth

Anna

Boas who became a business man in Omaha . Later he was called to be financial promoter for Dana College...until his sudden death

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: A course at Highschool in Grenaa, Denmark about 1886; here the dean told him about the need of ministers among the emigrated danish settlers in Amerika, which aroused his desire to serve over ther and his immigration in 1888 and was directed to Rev.P.C.Trandberg's Seminary in Chicago.

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): Studied there two years 1888 - 89

Theological Schools: At Trinitatis Seminary, Blair, Nebr. 1888 - 1892

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.

Bethlehem Church, Jacksonville, Iowa (Shelby Co.)	1892 - 1904
also Ebenezer Church, west of Audubon, Ia.	1894 - 1904
Our Saviour Church, Lincoln, Nebr.	1904 - 1906
Bethany Church, Denver, Colo.	May 1906 - 1911
Nazareth Church, Coulter, Iowa	April 1911 - 1914
St. Pauli Church, Thornton, Ia (annex)	" " "
Salem Church, Warren, Pa.	Aug. 1914 - 1917
Bethany Church, Webster Grove, Mo.	Apr. 1917 - 1919
Residence in Chicago while serving Pension Fund	Nov. 1919 - 1923
Emaus Church, McNabb, Ill.	July 1923 - 1932
Retired West Branch, Io	May 1932 - 1936

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Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

.....President of Illinois District 1923 - 1932.....

.....Chairman of Publishing Board (synodical) 1905 - 1917.....

.....Promoter and chairman of the Pensionsfond committee 1918 - 1934.....

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 frequent contributor to our synodical papers:

....."Dansk Luthersk Kirkeblad", "Danskeren" and "Luthersk Ugeblad".....

Additional information of interest:

.....Intensive, zealous for leading people to conversion and devotion.....

.....to the cause of Jesus Christ. As one of his confirmants in 1902 at Ebenezer Danish Lutheran Church west of Audubon, Iowa, I remember his stenn emphasis on learning our lessons and his sermons was urging in getting right with God through a personal experiend of conversion. But he could also be jolly in his relation to us youngsters. Thus the first time he lodged at my home with his close friend, farmer Hans N. Schmidt (he always stopped over night in some member's home, as he re-

.....sided at his other church in Jacksonville, 13 miles west, and drove with horses) and Sat. morning when we started walking the mile over to the church, he challenge me that he could run away from me. I doubted, so we

Date .. ~~started running~~ ^{Signed} he gave to start signal. I ran fast as I could, and he didn't not pass me. Looking around I saw ^{him} beyond ~~the~~ starting ^{point} and I querie

.....He laughed saying: I said I could run away from you, but not which way.

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

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