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**Descendants of  
Nels Johnson  
B. 30 Dec 1852**

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1-**Nels Johnson**, son of **Jens Jensen** and **Anna Nelson**, was born on 30 Dec 1852 in Kolding Denmark, died on 5 Jan 1919 in St. Edwards at age 66, and was buried in Jan 1919 in Saint Ansgar Cemetery, Rosenburg, Platte County NE. Another name for Nels was Niels Jensen.

General Notes: Nels Johnson bought N1/2 NW1/4 Section 27 R11E T14N from Union Pacific Jan 30 1888.

Lived at 16110 Cornhusker Rd. East, Corner 156th St & Cornhusker Rd. NE corner

Sold the property to Isaac Carpenter Nov 11 1901 for \$5000 (34/625).

Noted events in his life were:

- He immigrated in 1869 to Sarpy County NE close to Omaha NE.
- He signed a marriage contract on 19 Nov 1881.
- He was ill with Tumor on Right shoulder.
- Lived in: 1901 To 1918, in Platte County NE.
- He worked as a Farmer in 1901 in Richland Township Nebraska.

Nels married **Semina Josephine Peterson Riis**, daughter of **Peter Simonson Riis** and **Alice Maria Peterson**, on 19 Nov 1881 in Chalco NE on John Johnson Farm. Semina was born on 12 Sep 1856 in Kolding, Denmark, died on 16 Jul 1932 in St Edwards, NE Home of Christina & Maurice Peterson at age 75, and was buried in Rosenburg NE. Another name for Semina was Minnie Riis. They had nine children: **Anna Marie, Gensena, Peter Riis, Andrew Carl, Elizabeth, Harry Christian, Helena Christina, William Arthur Edward**, and **Amelia Clara**.

Noted events in her life were:

- She immigrated in 1880.

2-**Anna Marie Johnson** was born on 1 Jul 1883 in Sarpy City NE, died in Nov 1947 in Ogai, CA at age 64, and was buried in Nov 1947 in Ventura California, Ivy Lawn Memorial Park.

General Notes: Owned restaurants.  
Died in an auto accident.

Noted events in her life were:

- Lived in: in Randolph NE.
- Buried: Nov 1947, in Ventura California.

Anna married **Robert Haldeen** in 1912 in Sarpy City NE. Robert died on 15 Mar 1936 in South Dakota and was buried in Ft. Meade Cemetery (Sturgis SD). They had three children: **Virgil, Ira**, and **Ray**.

### 3-**Virgil Haldeen**.

Noted events in his life were:

- Lived in: in Stirling Colorado.

### 3-**Ira Haldeen**.

### 3-**Ray Haldeen**.

2-**Gensena Johnson** was born on 2 Mar 1885 in Sarpy City NE and died in Jun 1915 in Loveland CO at age 30. Other names for Gensena were Jensena Johnson and Sena Johnson.

General Notes: They had 4 children.

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Noted events in her life were:

- She was ill with Possibly tuberculosis.
- Lived in: in Platte Center NE.

Gensena married **Peter F. Peterson** on 2 Mar 1905 in Platte Center NE. They had four children: **Fred P., Elmer, Leonora,** and **Leonard P.**

3-**Fred P. Peterson** was born in 1906 in Lindsay NE and died in 1964 in Fullerton NE at age 58.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was ill with Heart Attack.

3-**Elmer Peterson** was born in 1908 in Lindsay NE and died in 1966 at age 58.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was ill with Heart Attack.

3-**Leonora Peterson** was born in 1911 in Lindsay NE and died in 1969 in Santa Ana CA at age 58.

General Notes: Twin to Leonard

Noted events in her life were:

- She was ill with Heart Attack in 1961 in Santa Ana CA.
- She worked as a Hairdresser.

3-**Leonard P. Peterson** was born in 1911 in Lindsay NE.

General Notes: Twin to Leonora

Noted events in his life were:

- He was ill with Heart Attack.

2-**Peter Riis Johnson** was born on 9 Dec 1886 in Sarpy City NE and died in Feb 1937 in Lincoln NE at age 50.

General Notes: 6 ft 2 in tall.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Farmer and Bricklayer in Albion Nebraska.

Peter married **Ella Mae Lee**. Ella died Mar 1947 or 1948 and was buried in Newman Grove NE. They had four children: **Allan Lester, Leland Wesley, Ruby,** and **Avis.**

3-**Allan Lester Johnson** was born on 27 Nov 1908 in Lindsey NE.

3-**Leland Wesley Johnson** was born 1909 (?).

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Psychiatrist in Van Nuys, California.

3-**Ruby Johnson** was born in Feb 1911.

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Noted events in her life were:

- Lived in: in Silver City CA.

3-**Avis Johnson** was born on 13 Sep 1913.

2-**Andrew Carl Johnson** was born on 28 Apr 1888 in Sarpy City NE, died on 28 Jun 1953 in 3 Mi E of Rosenberg NE at age 65, and was buried in St Ansgar, Rosenberg Cemetery. Another name for Andrew was Andrew Christian Johnson.

General Notes: Rosenberg Cemetery - 10 mi east, 4 north of St. Edwards NE.

VJJ shows his wife buried beside him as Anna G, 1887-1970 but not her last name.

Andrew married **Christine Wilson**. Another name for Christine is Crissie Wilson. They had three children: **Adele**, **Eva**, and **Wilmer**.

3-**Adele Johnson** was born on 30 Sep 1911 and died on 28 Nov 1973 at age 62.

3-**Eva Johnson** was born on 19 Feb 1916. Another name for Eva was Eva Bonnell.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was adopted.

3-**Wilmer Johnson** was born on 17 Aug 1929. Another name for Wilmer is Billy Johnson.

General Notes: He was married 6 times.

2-**Elizabeth Johnson** was born in Dec 1889 in Sarpy City NE and died in 1920 in Rosenberg NE at age 31. Other names for Elizabeth were Elisa Johnson and Lizzie Johnson.

General Notes: Lizzie died in 1920 at 30 years old. The children went to an orphanage after her death.

Noted events in her life were:

- Lived in: Newman Grove and St Edward NE.

Elizabeth married **Hans Peterson** in 1909 in Norfolk NE. They had four children: **Raymond**, **Melvin Eugene**, **Evelyn M.**, and **Russell**.

3-**Raymond Peterson** was born on 5 Jul 1910.

3-**Melvin Eugene Peterson** was born on 8 Jun 1913.

3-**Evelyn M. Peterson** was born on 31 Aug 1915.

3-**Russell Peterson** was born on 26 Aug 1918.

2-**Harry Christian Johnson** was born on 7 May 1892 in Sarpy City NE and died on 14 Jun 1953 in Lincoln NE at age 61. Another name for Harry was Henrick Christian Jensen.

General Notes: 6 ft 4 in tall.

Harry adoped Myra's two children from a previous marriage.

Harry farmed at Rosenberg, NE and later moved to Lincoln, Nebraska.

He was a carpenter and treasurer of Assenmacker's Construction Company.

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Harry married **Almira Elizabeth Mader**, daughter of **Frederick William Mader** and **Daisy May Hanchett**, on 10 May 1930 in Grand Island Nebraska. Almira was born on 2 Oct 1902 in Grand Island, Hall, NE. Another name for Almira was Myra Mader. They had two children: **Norma Jean** and **Robert Lee**.

3-**Norma Jean Johnson** was born on 7 Jul 1921 in Grand Island, Hall, NE. Another name for Norma was Norma Jean Highland.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was adopted.

3-**Robert Lee Johnson** was born on 13 May 1925 in Grand Island, Hall, NE. Another name for Robert was Robert Lee Highland.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was adopted.

2-**Helena Christina Johnson** was born on 28 Jan 1894 in Sarpy City NE, died on 7 May 1952 in Rosenberg, Platte County, NE at age 58, and was buried in May 1952 in Saint Ansgar Cemetery, Lindsay, Platte County NE. Another name for Helena was Christina Peterson Jensen.

General Notes: Helena Christina Johnson was married twice. First to Maurice Peterson, then to J Jensen. Her obituary was published in the St. Edward newspaper with info about her life.

Noted events in her life were:

- Lived in: St Edwards NE.

Helena married **Maurice Peterson**, son of **Andreas Pederson** and **Mette Pederson**, on 19 Feb 1913 in Rosenberg, St Edwards, Platte County, NE. Maurice was born on 3 Jun 1889 in Denmark, died on 5 Jun 1945 in St Edwards NE at age 56, and was buried in Saint Ansgar Cemetery, Lindsay, Platte County NE. They had four children: **Norman LeRoy**, **Elvera La Rue**, **Gerald**, and **Larry**.

Noted events in his life were:

- He immigrated From Denmark in 1892.

3-**Norman LeRoy Peterson** was born on 14 Jun 1914 in Lindsay NE.

Noted events in his life were:

- Lived in: California, in 1937.
- He worked as a Policeman.

Norman married **Carmen Younke**, daughter of **Clifford Younke** and **Mame Tixlear**, on 25 Jun 1940. Carmen was born on 28 Apr 1919 in Long Beach CA. They had three children: **Sharon Marie**, **Shirley Ann**, and **Diane Christine**.

4-**Sharon Marie Peterson** was born on 27 Jun 1942 in Long Beach CA.

Sharon married **Brian Avers**. They had two children: **Steven** and **Lisa**.

Noted events in their marriage were:

- They were divorced.

5-**Steven Avers**.

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5-Lisa Avers.

4-Shirley Ann Peterson was born on 3 Sep 1944 in Long Beach CA.  
Shirley married **Terry Donoho**. They had two children: **Sheri** and **Tracy**.

5-Sheri Donoho.

5-Tracy Donoho.

4-Diane Christine Peterson was born on 5 Aug 1950 in Linwood Ca.  
Diane married **Earl Tillman**. They had two children: **Tera** and **Tami**.

5-Tera Tillman.

5-Tami Tillman.

3-Elvera La Rue Peterson was born on 23 Mar 1917 in St Edwards, Newman Grove NE, died in 2006 in Lincoln NE at age 89, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery Lincoln NE.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was Luthern, Converted to Catholic when married.

Elvera married **Jerome James Prochaska**, son of **Emil Prochaska** and **Mary Fredlick**, on 1 Sep 1941 in St Marys Catholic Church Lincoln NE. Jerome was born on 12 Jan 1918 in Ulysses, Butler County NE, died on 17 Jan 1986 in Lincoln NE at age 68, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery Lincoln NE. Another name for Jerome was Jerry Prochaska. They had five children: **Mary Jean**, **David**, **Bruce James**, **Julie Ann**, and **Richard Duane**.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was Lutheran, converted to Catholic when married.

4-Mary Jean Prochaska was born on 6 Sep 1943 in Ft. Snelling MN.

Mary married **Robert Schwenke** on 2 Sep 1963. Robert was born on 28 Apr 1942. They had two children: **Mark** and **Scott**.

5-Mark Schwenke was born on 6 Apr 1967.

5-Scott Schwenke was born on 22 May 1969.

4-David Prochaska was born on 24 May 1949 in Frankfurt Germany.

General Notes: David was born in Germany while father was stationed in the army after WWII.

4-Bruce James Prochaska was born on 2 Nov 1951 in Lincoln NE.

4-Julie Ann Prochaska was born on 11 May 1954 in Lincoln NE and died on 14 May 1954 in Calvary Cemetery Lincoln NE.

4-Richard Duane Prochaska was born on 11 Jan 1956 in Lincoln NE.

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Richard married **Barbara Steffenmeier** on 28 Apr 1979 in Howells NE. Barbara was born on 1 Jun 1955. They had two children: **Brian Richard** and **Lisa**.

5-**Brian Richard Prochaska** was born on 15 Feb 1983.

5-**Lisa Prochaska**.

3-**Gerald Peterson** was born on 28 Mar 1922 in Newman Grove NE.

Noted events in his life were:

- Lived in: 1940, in Sun City California.
- He worked as a Policeman in 1940.
- Gerald served in the military: Navy Carrier Pilot WWII.

Gerald married **Lucille Lourea Ricks**, daughter of **Laurence Ricks** and **Dollie Allen**, on 18 Jun 1949. Lucille was born on 28 Apr 1924 in Casper WY, died on 27 Nov 1985 in Anaheim CA at age 61, and was buried in Riverside National Cemetery, California. They had one son: **Donald Charles**.

4-**Donald Charles Peterson** was born on 28 Sep 1943 in Tacoma Washington. (Relationship to Gerald: Adopted, Relationship to Lucille: Adopted)

General Notes: Info is from Elvera Prochaska.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was adopted.

3-**Larry Peterson** was born on 3 Nov 1932 in Newman Grove NE, died on 6 Feb 1951 in Korea at age 18, and was buried in 1951 in St Ansgar Cemetery, Rosenburg, Lindsay, Platte County NE.

Noted events in his life were:

- Larry served in the military: Marines.

Helena next married **Janus Jensen** in Aug 1951.

2-**William Arthur Edward Johnson** was born on 4 May 1896 in Sarpy City/Chalco NE, died on 27 Oct 1989 in Annandale Va. at age 93, and was buried on 31 Oct 1989 in Quantico (Va) National Cemetery. Another name for William was Willie Johnson.

General Notes: William wrote a summary of his experiences in World War I.

Military registration number: 2846126.

He was active and a charter member of American Legion Post 3 in Lincoln.

He never missed an Armistice Day or Veterans Day parade and often served as flag bearer.

When he died in 1989, he was the last surviving member of the 355th Infantry, Company I, 89th Division.

Noted events in his life were:

- Lived in: Moved at age 6, in 1902, in Platte City NE.
- He was Converted to Catholic when married.
- William served in the military in 1918: World War I at age 19.
- He worked as a Laborer, Truck Driver in 1923.
- He was a member of Laborer's International Union of North America Local 1140 in Lincoln NE.

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- He was a member of Veterans of World War I in Lincoln NE.
- He was ill with Stroke in 1978.
- Buried: 1989, in Quantico (Va) National Cemetery.

William married **Anna Helen Tenopir**, daughter of **Joseph Frank Tenopir** and **Minnie Ann Pysizynski**, on 27 Apr 1927 in Irving KS or Lincoln NE. Anna was born on 15 May 1898 in Elba, Howard NE, died on 10 Mar 1995 at age 96, and was buried in Quantico National Cemetery, VA. They had two children: **Phyllis Marie Ann** and **Howard Edward**.

Marriage Notes: Family Search shows the Marriage place as Lincoln NE

Noted events in her life were:

- She was Catholic.

3-**Phyllis Marie Ann Johnson** was born on 6 Oct 1929 in Lincoln NE.

Noted events in her life were:

- She received a degree in University of Nebraska.
- Lived in: 1974, in Annandale VA.

Phyllis married **Peter Joseph Reynolds** on 20 Nov 1954 in Lincoln NE. Peter was born on 11 Jul 1924 in Cartaret NJ. They had four children: **Margaret Ann**, **Susan Marie**, **Sally Elizabeth**, and **Patrick Charles**.

Noted events in his life were:

- He received a degree in Rutgers.

4-**Margaret Ann Reynolds** was born on 25 Nov 1956 in New Jersey.

Margaret married **Steve Langston** in Roanoke VA. They had two children: **Eva Marie** and **Deren James**.

5-**Eva Marie Langston** was born on 3 Jul 1981 in Roanoke VA.

5-**Deren James Langston** was born on 17 Jan 1985 in Roanoke VA.

4-**Susan Marie Reynolds** was born on 19 Jan 1959 in Woodbridge NJ.

4-**Sally Elizabeth Reynolds** was born on 11 Jan 1960 in Woodbridge NJ.

4-**Patrick Charles Reynolds** was born on 17 Mar 1962 in Woodbridge NJ.

3-**Howard Edward Johnson** was born on 4 Nov 1936 in Lincoln NE.

Noted events in his life were:

- Lived in: Carroll Iowa.
- He worked as a X-Ray technician.
- He received a degree in 1958 in University of Nebraska.



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Howard married **Elizabeth Ann Lundgren** on 11 Jul 1959 in Grettinger, Iowa. Elizabeth was born on 8 May 1938 in Edinburgh Iowa. They had seven children: **Jeffrey Alan, Teresa Lyn, Kathleen Marie, Anna Elizabeth, Michael William, Steven Edward**, and **Susan Ellen**.

Noted events in her life were:

- Lived in: in Grettinger, Iowa.
- She received a degree in RN in 1959.

4-**Jeffrey Alan Johnson** was born on 18 Jun 1960 in Carroll Iowa.

4-**Teresa Lyn Johnson** was born on 14 Jun 1961 in Carroll Iowa.

4-**Kathleen Marie Johnson** was born on 20 Dec 1962 in Carroll Iowa.

4-**Anna Elizabeth Johnson** was born on 20 Jan 1965 in Carroll Iowa. Another name for Anna is Ann Elizabeth Johnson.

4-**Michael William Johnson** was born on 12 Sep 1966 in Carroll Iowa. Another name for Michael is Mike Johnson.

4-**Steven Edward Johnson** was born on 18 Dec 1967 in Carroll Iowa. Another name for Steven is Steve Johnson.

4-**Susan Ellen Johnson** was born on 18 Nov 1970 in Carroll Iowa.

2-**Amelia Clara Johnson** was born on 21 Aug 1898 in Sarpy City NE and died on 12 Jan 1963 in Norwalk CA at age 64. Another name for Amelia was Millie Louise Johnson.

Noted events in her life were:

- Lived in: 1935, in Boise ID and later California (1953).

Amelia married **Irving Carmody** in 1919 in Nebraska. Irving was born on 14 Dec 1898 and died on 21 Oct 1958 in California at age 59. They had five children: **Lyle, Enid Jeanette, Ivan, Lila Jeanne**, and **Ardis Ann**.

Marriage Notes: Wedding Picture  
Millie Johnson, Irving Carmody.  
Assuming these two are in center.

William Johnson, Best Man  
Bertha Christensen, Bridesmaid  
Taken in 1920.

\*\*\*\*\* Marriage date is estimated based on ages of children.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was employed in 1935 in Boise ID.
- Lived in: Until 1953, in Newman Grove NE.

3-**Lyle Carmody** was born on 25 Jan 1920 in Newman Grove NE.

3-**Enid Jeanette Carmody** was born in 1921 in Newman Grove NE and died in 1921. Another name for Enid was Jean Carmody.

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3-**Ivan Carmody** was born on 4 May 1922 in Newman Grove NE.

General Notes: Never married.

Wrote: Reminiscing on being a young boy in Newman Grove fifty years ago. Probably written in early to mid 1980s.

3-**Lila Jeanne Carmody** was born on 9 Sep 1927 in Newman Grove NE.

Lila married **Andrew Andrich** on 6 May 1951. Andrew was born on 29 Dec 1922. They had two children: **Brian Paul** and **Marc Andrew**.

4-**Brian Paul Andrich** was born on 28 May 1953.

4-**Marc Andrew Andrich** was born on 27 Oct 1955.

Marc married **Margo Stipanovick** on 1 Nov 1975.

3-**Ardis Ann Carmody** was born on 15 Jun 1933 and died in Mar 1972 at age 38.

Ardis married **Vernon Fillingrin** in 1951. They had four children: **Vernon, Steven, Billy,** and **Kelly Jean**.

4-**Vernon Fillingrin Jr.**

4-**Steven Fillingrin.**

4-**Billy Fillingrin.**

4-**Kelly Jean Fillingrin.**

Noted events in her life were:

- She was adopted.