

My father in law Lauritz Nielson (Hune) was born in Flynsted, Denmark, 12 Feb. 1852. Is the son of Niels Pedersen and Johanda Christensen. Little is known of his childhood, but in his late teens, he joined the Danish Navy. It was required of the manhood of Denmark. Before he was 25 years old he had visited all the ports of the world. Had survived an attack of yellow fever in Buenos Aires, Argentina South America, when all but three others of his ship's crew had died of the disease. He had served six years in the navy.

He was of the Lutheran faith. His mother and two sisters had emigrated to America and were living in Ephriam, Sampete Co. Utah, where Lauritz joined them at the age of 25 years.

He attended the Ephriam school where he learned to write beautifully read very well and speak English without accent.

He married Christena Maria Christensen, 29 Dec. 1882 in Ephriam where she lived with her parents. There their first three children were born. Lauritz Andrew, Niels Wilford, and Hanna Christine.

He moved his family to Emery, Emery Co. Utah. In 1889. He was a successful farmer and bee keeper.

He was scientifically inclined and in his private laboratory he discovered a formula for gold, (synthetic gold) was a careful assayer and many were the samples of ore he examined for their value, for his neighbors as well as himself.

He was every modest man. He refused to listen to nasty stories.

If he couldn't change the conversation he would take his hat and leave. It was said of him at his funeral that he was generous in giving to all civic projects and to those in need. He never joined the church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, but allowed all his children to do so.

My mother in law Christina Marie Christensen Nielson, daughter of Jens Christian Christensen and Christine Christensen, was born 25 July 1858 at Fredrichshaun Hjorring, Denmark. She was eighteen years old when she came with her parents and sisters and brothers to America.

She had worked as a farm hand in Denmark for several years. She was proficient in caring for milk cows, making butter and cheese. She was baptized into the church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints before leaving Denmark.

She was freindly and always willing to assist her neighbors. Her presence at a sick bed always gave comfort and confidence, hence she was called often and at anytime day or night.

Hers were clever fingers. Her cooking was famous, her home making was as near perfect as early day pioneering permitted. Flowers seemed to grow just to please her. Artificial flower making was one of her hobbies. Many of drab and dreary funerals were brightened with her gift of beautiful paper flowers. Her words of advice and council have heartened many a discouraged neighbor.

Mother Nielson's marriage to laurs (Lauritz) Nielson 29 Dec. 1882 in Ephriam Sampete Co. Utah, ended her service as cook andhouse keeper on the Iwée ranch where she had been employed for several years.

She had learned thrift and was always busy knitting hose, fashioning clothing from scarce material, and making rugs and carpets from all left over scraps. She was lovingly known as Maria. Was welcomed in any company. Her home was always open to the young people, friends of her son and four daughters. She had an eye for accuracy in building and repairing her home and yards. It didnot take her long to make a coop for a hen and tiny chickens, a rabbit fen, a ladder for the potato pit or orchard trees, or replace a broken window pane.

I was her only daughter in law and we were the best of friends. In matters of finance, where correspondence was necessary, I would write most of the important letters for my father in law after his paralysis effedted his hands. I would write the letters, sign my name and he would then write his name in faltering letters. The First National bank of Price, Utah, never once failed to credit those letters I enjoyed their confidence.

Niels Wilford Nielson, My husband, was never entirely healthy after a siege of typhoid fever at the time of the death of his brother Laurtz Andrew, who died of the disease.

At the age of twelve, while herding cows, his horse ran away with him. When he fell off, the horse stepped on his right hand and pulled the middle joint leaving the cord tissue broken off at the elbow on the piece of finger cut off.

He attended the district school at Emery Utah. Altho' he was not a member of the L.D.S. Church he was secretary of the Y.M.M.I.A. IN the Casper Ward, andattended L.D.S. Sunday School.

Niels
 He was five foot, Eleven inches tall and averaged a hundred and fifteen pounds, was sandy complexioned with blue eyes. He was energetic and could always find employment when not busy on his father's farm. He specialized in beekeeping.

While herding cows and horses one day "Silvertip" a desperado, outlay looked over the herd but didn't see anything worth stealing, under the circumstances, "ilvertip did locate a valuable shepherd which he drove off.

At the death of his grandfather, Niels and his sisters were left alone on the ranch on Emery Creek, while his parents, were in Molen, Utah. In the pigpen he found a big fat "wild cat" It had eaten so many chickens and little pigs it could not crawl out where he had crawled in. That was the first encounter of this nature Niels was a big boy for he shot that cat with his daddy's 22 rifle. We had played together, as kids, when the family visited in Molen, where I lived. Niels had charge of the farm, heritage of his mother, from her parents' estate, during the years prior to our marriage 25 Sept. 1912.

My mother was very ill at the time, having suffered an attack of uremia poisoning. As we had set this date for our wedding my daddy advised us to be married as planned and celebrate it later, which we did. Daddy was superstitious of delaying a marriage date once it was set. There was no one to take my place at mother's bedside so I stayed there while my husband went to his home in Emery to finish fall work on the farm as there was no one to take his place.

When mother was recovered sufficiently. I joined Niels in late Nov. Then on the 16 th of Dec. we gave a wedding dance at Molen Meeting house. Which was all the party we enjoyed. We were married at Castle Dale, Utah by Justice of the Peace Archer Willey, who had been my teacher at the Emery Stake Academy, 1906&8, with his wife Fannye Tuttle Willey as witnesses. We found them busy making pickles from produce of their garden. They laid aside their task to perform the most important episode in Niels and my lives.

That night the molinites were having a dance we went but no one would believe us when we said we were married.

It took about four years for Niels to gain his priesthood ranks to entitle him to take me and our son to the Manti Temple, 13 July 1916. He was baptized 4 Aug. 1912 at Emery Ward, Emery Stake, Utah.

PERSONAL RECORD OF NIELS

NAME Niels Wilford Nielson (Hune)
 Father Lauritz (Laur) Nielson (Hune) MOTHER: Maria Christensen
 BORN 14 June 1886 at Ephriam, Sanpete, Utah
 BLESSED BY Patriarch Charles Pulsipher
 Baptized on 4 Aug. 1912 at Emery, Utah
 confirmed 4 Aug. 1912
 Married to Lucy Cordelia Hansen at Castle Dale, Utah
 by Justice of Peace Archer Willey
 Endowed Manti Temple on 13 July 1916
 Sealed Manti Temple on 13 July 1916
 Patriarchal blessing by Charles Pulsipher on 24 June 1912
 Special appointments word teacher in molen and member of amusement committee
 Died Castle Dale Utah on 12 Jan 1943
 Buried Molen, Utah on 17 Jan 1943

Early life in Ephriam was of not much concern to a five yearold boy. For the family were early pioneers of Emery Utah

Not much is known of the father of Lauritz Nielson Hune. Niels Pedersen, as he was bitterly opposed to his wife Johanna joining the L.D.S. Church, She came to America with two small children, leaving him in Denmark. He is known to have been in Cuba, however.

Lauritz Nielson, was obliged to serve Denmark in some branch of the defense, so he joined the navy, and before he was 25 years old had been in all the important ports of the world. It was in Buencs Aires, Argentina, South America that the crew of his ship was stricken with Yellow fever. There he saw several of his shipmates die, and was very ill himself. That was his last trip at sea for he had served 6 years and was honorably discharged.

Since his mother and two sisters, Mary and Kirsten, were here in Utah he came to Ephriam at the age of 25. His mother was now the wife of

Annas Christensen. It was so hard for the postmaster to tell which christensens should receive which letter, that Annas Christensen legally assumed the name of a piece in Denmark, Hune. Now his name was Annas C. Hune. The Nielson's were in the same predicament so when grandfather took up his abode in the home, he adopted his stepfather's name (Hune) Altho' it was not used on his citizen's ship papers.

Ephraim is noted for its nicknames. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Lauritz Nielson Hune were known as Hune, in their places of residence. when the girls married, of course their new names identified them, but but Niels W. was best known by that name. When he married his family discarded the name, but it still lingers.

Niels spent his life on the farm at Emery. His associates were all members of the Church of L.D.S. His father never joined the Church, but his mother was baptized in Denmark,

The family moved to Emery about 1890 when the farmers were making a tunnel thru the mountain to bring water to the farm land. There they built a very profitable habitation. The production of honey was a speciality.

When Niels was about 12 years old he was riding a horse, it runaway with him. He fell off and the horse stepped on his right hand, taking off the middle finger at the second joint. The cord controlling that finger was broken off at the elbow, leaving a handicap in his hand. His father preserved the piece of finger with a long cord in a bottle of alcohol. (His mother requested before her death that it be buried with him. It was.)

There was a small community on Emery Creek called Casper. (For a man Casper Christensen.) There Niels and his sisters attended L.D.S. Church services. He acted as secretary of Y.M.W.I.A.

His mother's parents, Jens and Christina Christensen, lived in Molen, Utah.

About 1896 the typhoid epidemic hit emery. Three of the Nielson Hune children were stricken, Lauritz died, Niels and Thora were critically ill for sometime but finally recovered. There was no medical help available, only home remedies and home care. It was a terrible time. Niels never was healthy, nor was Thora.

Upon the death of the parents of Mrs Nielson Hune their possessions in Molen were divided by the children. Then there was a farm to care for. Niels, being the only son, was given the task of that as well as his work on the farm in Emery. He never spared himself, working early and late. It would take several hours on the road, by team and wagon, between the two places.

When he decided to marry, he felt the need of baptism, and with his three youngest sisters was baptized in Emery ward. Before this, he attended a time when Patriarch Charles Pulsipher was in Molen giving Blessings. Bro. Pulsipher asked if he wanted a blessing. Niels said "Yes" and sat down before him. as Bro. Pulsipher placed his hands on Niels' head and took a breath to begin, he removed his hands and leaning forward so he could look Niels in the face said, "Son, you have never been blessed and named have you"? Niels said he guessed not. Bro. Pulsipher asked if he would give him this blessing Niels said "yes" so that day he was given the blessing he should have had as a baby. Question? How did Br. Pulsipher know he had never been named? It was the first time the two had ever met!

Here is proof that the naming of a child by the priesthood is positively necessary. Niels never forgot this testimony. Everyone present were impressed by this experience.

PERSONAL RECORD

NAME Wilford Dee Nielson
 Father Nielson Wilford Nielson (Hune) MOTHER Lucy Cordelia Hansen
 BORN 14 April 1915 at Molen Emery, Utah
 Blessed 14 April 1915 by grandfather Hans Christian Hansen
 Baptized 2 Sept 1923 at Emery, emery co. Utah
 by Rasmus Clifford Albrechtsen
 confirmed by Niels Wilford Nielson (hune)
 Married Elna Delora Wayman on 13 June 1942 Price Carbon Utah
 Patriarchal blessing Charles Pulsipher 9th Aug. 1915

I was 6 years old when my parents moved from Molen to Emery. Until then we had lived in a two room log house on the hill in Molen. This house had been the home of my great-grandparents Jens and Christina Christensen, early pioneers of this valley.

I attended Primary and Sunday School with my parents, and went to Relief Society with mother.

My early playmates were Cousins Willard, Reed and Almy Christensen, and Clarence Larsen.

I liked to go with my father to the field. Sometimes I could not go and then I followed later, when mother was busy. One time I went alone with my dog Ring. We had just passed the forks of the road when a large band of desert horses came by. My what a trust they made. Daddy brought me a little black pup when he came home from Cleveland, where he had done early farmwork for his sister Hanna Jensen after Uncle Joe died 19 Feb. 1919 of the Flu. Oh now I loved my doggie. His hair was short and slick. He had white feet and the tip of his tail was white. Of course his name was Tip. When Tip had grown up, I had a play fellow always. Once when I followed daddy into the field, I sat on the bank of the canal and threw sticks into the swift water. I was having a fine time, when daddy came on the scene. To teach me a lesson he picked up a willow and as he raised his arm over me Tip grabbed his elbow and hung on. Well words were more effective under these circumstances Daddy threw away the willow and Tip let go of his arm. I learned that a swift stream of water was very dangerous.

I attended district school in Emery. Our home then was four and a half miles from town. The ranch of my grandfather, Lauritz Nielson, who were now living in Ferron. During the first years of my schooling we lived in town during the winter. My Teacher's name was Mrs. Hessie Bundersen. A very fine teacher. She is a granddaughter of the famous RRobert E. Lee.

Daddy gave me a pony I called Pet, and I rode her to school every day, until I was thru' the 8 th grade. I never attended school after that year. Other teachers were Darwin Brinkerhoff and Clark Frei.

My life has been one of hard woud, early and late. I have had many miraculous experiences when my life has been endangered. I have ridden hundreds of miles but never traveled very far.

The ranch was the gathering place for young folks' fun. Few Sandays and holidays passed without a crowd. They came from Emery, Rochester, Ferron, Molen, Price and other towns.

On my birthday, 14 april 1934, we moved back to Molen. My grand parents had passed away, and their property was divided between their children.

Fathers health was failing, leaving most of the heavy farm work for me to do. We had a flock of sheep. a herd of 20 cws, and several horses that must be herded on the open range. Finally father who took the herding job, had to give it up. We sold the sheep and put the other animals in pasture. Father died 12 Jan 1943 about 6 montas after

I married Miss Elna Delora Wayman in Price where she was working. As Father had become bedfast we decided to rent a place in Castle Dale where mother could better follow the doctor's directions. They had been there, in the old home of Bro. and Sis. Seth Allen just ten days when he passed away.

I gave up farming in 1949 and moved to Helper. Then to Spring Canyon and now with my wife, son Wilford Lou, Daughter Elna Mae, and Son Roy Lynn, I live in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Grandpa's mother was the sole survivor, as a tiny baby, in the village, where they lived, of bubonic Plague. The whole village was wiped out by Black Death. Legends tell us that so severe was the plague, that the health officials searched the houses for living human beings. The living were taken naked from their homes and then everything was burned with the bodies and houses. That was the only way they could stop the plague from spreading. So Grandma Nielson and others that were found were placed in an orphanage where they grew up. no body knew their names, when she was placed in the orphanage she was given the name Johanna Christensen. Even the name of the village is not known because so many villages had had to be burned. Grandma was Laur's mother, not wife.

Upon her arrival in Utah she was assigned to the Danish colony in Ephriam, Sanpete Co. Utah. There in due time she became a citizen of the United States. She told me this story in July 1913, About three years before her death in Salt Lake City, Aug 9, 1916. She had her home with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Christena Hansen. Aunt Mary stayed with us in both Emery and Moien.

I had the jonus privilege of meeting this dear grandma, and fell in love with her. She gave me her photograph. I was just released from the L.D.S. Hospital, and with Niels, Spent a few days at Aunt Mary's before coming home. Grandma and Niels walked allwofer Liberty Park sightseeing, one of those days, and Grandma was ninety years old(young).

When per son Laurtz, was released from the Danish Navy, He could not find his father, so he came to america and located with his mother, who had married Anders Christensen in Ephriam. The people of Ephriam, being Danish, were having trouble with mail delivery mixups. There were so many Nielsons, Johnsons, Christensens, and other Danish surnames, that a lot of them changed to the town in Denmark they had came from. Thus Anders Christensen changed his name to Hune. So now we have Grandma Hune And when her son Lauritz came to live with her he became Lauritz Nielson Hune. He was known in Emery a Louis Hune. He favored Laur's, but signed his important papers as Lauritz Nielson, A misspelling on his naturalization papers from "sen to son" (Nielson to Nielson) He faithfully used the son on the end of his name in the united States of America.

He set himself to learn the language, Attending the district school. He learned to talk without an accent and to write in a beautiful hand. He did not join the L.D.S. Church, he being a Lutheran.

He was interested in science and developed his own laboratory. He eventually discovered a formula for making synthetic gold. He was adept in assaying samples of ore direct from the desert or mountain where it was found. His many friends, interested in mining brought their samples to him to be assayed.

He had a method of weather control that worked. I have used one part and I know how well it worked. If the hay needed rain he got rain, if he wanted dry weather he made the wind blow the clouds away. The table had a special corner on which his bottles, saucers, packets had right-of-way. and no one must touch them. Some were deadly poison some acid Of course if the size of visitors at meal time needed the entire table the assay things were removed to a safe place.

Lauritz Nielson married Christene Marie Christensen in Ephriam, Sanpete Co. Utah on the 29 of December, 1882. They lived in Ephriam, where their children, Lauritz Jr. Niels Wilford and Hanna were born. In 1889 he took up a homestead in Emery, Emery Co. Utah where he helped to dig the canal and tunnel to bring water to the land and town from Muddy Creek He had a large apairy of honey bees, a small herd of milk cows, hogs horses, and other farm livestock, and poultry. He was a dilligent worker and raised his boy and girls to be industrious, frugal and wise.

One thing must be recorded of Lauritz (Louis) Hune he would never, I mean never, listen to nasty songs or stories no matter who was in the crowd, or where they were, if he could not change the conversation he would leave.(actions speak louder than words.)

He sold hay, grain, honey, fruit. He never became wealthy, but never wanted for the necessities of life. He contributed to all worthy causes included in helping the poor. He had the respect od his family, freinds and neighbors.

His daughters Thora(Tora), Lydia and Laura were born in Emery. Lauritz Jr. Died of typhoid fever in Emery at age 12. Niels was thrown from a horse and lost the middle finger on his right hand.

When Grandpa Nielson came to America he brought a 410 gage, double barreled shot gun (Dee his grandson has it now) Which he used in his favorite sport, hunting small game. Fried rabbit was a favorite dish. There was plenty of rabbits in the fields and grandma cooked them just right. He had bought the gun in Sweden about 1877. Dee treasures it. Grandma gave it to Dee abter Grandpa died. Dee is the only grandson with the Nielson name.