



Slægten Jørgensen
fra Harbogaard

Jorgensen Family from Harbogaard, Denmark

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THE JØRGENSEN FAMILY FROM HARBOGAARD

Introduction by Eduard Jensen

I would like to quote my mother, Anna Jørgensen Jensen, who once upon a time started to write the family history. She wrote:

“In grateful memory of our dear parents and our good childhood home, I got the idea that we brothers and sisters should write our family history. It really did happen. Anna’s brothers and sisters and those of us from the next generation wrote in the book. A little piece of paper from Albert and Astrid suggested that the book should go back to Daler, where it was started. Since there was so much good reading in that book, it would be nice if more than one family could enjoy it. Our younger generation has so many memories from all our visits both as children and later as adults that need to be shared.

I can still remember how our family from Daler took the bus to Tønder, and from there took the train to Aabenraa. We had to change trains in both Tinglev and Rødekro. When we arrived in Aabenraa, we had to walk to Harbogaard by going up and over Dimen. We children were so happy when we passed Brunbjergene and could see the Harbogaard farm in the distance.

It was great when the whole family was together. We all gathered in grandmother’s living room and heard one story after another. Later we had a couple of gatherings with all the cousins. The first time was at Strandgaarden. The second time was at Harbogaard while Annemarie and Erik lived there. It is now many years later and it would be nice if we could all meet again. The idea is hereby passed on.

At this time only my mother Anna is living so it is a good time to write this book and get it up to date. After contacting one from each family, I felt that they would all like to have this book when it is written. Information about our grandfather’s family in the USA and Australia is included.

With visits we have kept the contacts and widened it to the large family in two other countries. The world is getting smaller and it is easy to get from one place to the others for a fairly reasonable price. The rest is now a copy from the old family book with additions and comments written by other members of the family. We have to stop sometime but who knows, perhaps someone in future generations will add another chapter to the Jørgensen family history.

We also found some pictures to put in the book. My son-in-law has been a great help with this book. I would like to thank everyone for helping to make this book a reality.

In the old book I found a poem from Petra Bech Bjerrum. I didn't know her and don't know when she wrote it. Never mind how it appeared. It is most welcome in connection with a family book, and we print this poem before we continue this book again.

Jørgensen Family from Harbogaard

The family book in my hands
In the quiet hours light
New hope to the future
With a root that goes back

Here from the books leaves they are smiling,
Who now rest in the earth
Here they reach their hands
Toward a child, they don't know

They have embraced sorrow and joy
Where they walked, we step carefully
Their dust has life and voice
In a song we heard at home

All their thoughts
Are an inheritance they have
Their mind like deep currents
Goes again in our dreams

The children, who in our arms
Seek safety and warmth
Have a treasure in their hands
When they turn the leaves of the book.

Forward we must, but back
Is our family from old time
Like a defense against the loneliness
Like an army, give warning of the peace.

When a link breaks in the chain
When we loose what is dear
When we carry a child to baptism
The hope of the family is ours

The word over the family's grave
The word through the gift of baptism
The word is the light's caretaker
Over all the families on earth.

Anna Jensen writes:

I will trace our family back to our progenitor, and also write some memories from our home. Later I will write about my own family.

The family name Jørgensen is tied in with Harbogaard goes back to our great grandfather, Jørgensen, who in 1827 married Ingeborg Maier, widow after Jes Bojsen, who in 1823 bought Jens Lassen Harbo's lot on Bodum field.



The farm's name originates here, and should not wrongly be called Harbygaard. Great grandfather came from a farm in Nr. Hjarup, and can trace his family back to 1644.



Great grandmother was a tailor's daughter from Lojt Kirkeby, but the family comes from the Vilstrup parish. Her brother, Christian Wollesen Maier later became pastor in Vilstrup from 1840 to 1850. Great Grandmother's daughter from the first marriage was Anne Catherine Bojsen who married Johan Lausen Uldall, who was parish clerk in Vilstrup. Their three daughters, dad's cousins Christine, Benedikte and Marianne often visited our home.

The Old Harbogaard

Harbogaard lies on the border of the old municipal boundary between Løjt

Kirkeby, Stollig and Bodum in beautiful surroundings with hills in all directions. Only to the south-southeast is there a flat area with a view to the nearest neighbor Bassehuset.

In our childhood, Jep, Emma and Adda Zoega lived here. To the south there is Brunbjerene, to the east some high hills Trænbjerg, to the west is Bodumbjerger, we had to cross when we walked to school. Sometimes we preferred to go around and join Tidde and Stino Jepsen. Toward Kirkeby there was a path across 'ae Armhuslyk' up toward the Lojt windmill.

Just in front of the farmyard is Tielsbjerg, which blocks the view, but if you reach the top, we have a great view all around. In our childhood, we could see the Bismark monument a long ways off, but it was removed after the reunification. We have a lot of memories from this our old home. According to Jes Holdt's book "Glimt of Løjt Sogns Historie" the national question didn't exist for the people of Løjt Parish much before 1840. They were native people, but in the 1840's the division between Danish and German minded started. How was it at Harbogaard?

In 1848, editor Fr. Fisher secretly circulated a protest paper which read: "We protest very strongly against that Slesvig should be united with Germany, and that it should lose its ties with Denmark." From Løjt Parish, 361 signed this paper. Our great grandfather was not satisfied with just his signature, so in a citation from Jes Holdt's book it says Jørgen Jørgensen from Harbogaard wanted to add a few words. "I have lived under 4 Danish kings and have sworn allegiance to King Frederik VII, and this oath will never be broken. We recall with excitement and happiness in our home the events for the vote and reunification in 1920.

Jørgen and Ingeborg had a son Jes Boysen Jørgensen 23/12/1825 - 2/11/1886. He gets married November 2, 1856 to Johanne Beck Rasmussen from Sonderballe, Hoptrup Parish; 29/12/1825 - 2/11 1924. They had the following children:



Jes and Johanna Jorgense

1. Jørgen: 1857-1862.
2. Christine is born February 19, 1859. She immigrates to USA in 1884 with a couple of girlfriends. They go to Cedar Falls, where they lived with many other Danish immigrants. Here she meets Erik Jensen Thuesen, who was born near Haderslev in 1857 and immigrated to USA in 1873. They were married and lived the rest of their lives on a farm in Fredslev, near Cedar Falls. They had 13 children and many in the family have stayed in contact with the family in Denmark, Christine dies in 1924.
3. Peter is born July 28, 1861 and immigrates to Australia at age 16. He lived in Queensland and had three wives. He had a total of 14 children. Nis and Minna and later Henning and Esther visited some of his family.
4. Ingeborg, 1864 – 1942 married Peter Petersen from Sønderkov. They lived all their life in Løjt and had no children.
5. Johanne was born January 30, 1867. She also immigrated to USA. She married Ole Jensen Johnson. They also built their home near Fredslev, only 1 1/2 miles from her



Peter

sister Christine and husband Erik Thuesen. They also had lots of children. This family also keeps in contact with Denmark. Johanne dies in 1942.

6. Jørgen, Johanne's twin brother, our father was born January 30, 1867 and died October 24, 1953.



Johanne & Christine

It must have been hard to say goodbye to three children who left home when they were very young. Yes it must have been hard for both the parents and the children. None of them ever saw their family or their homeland again.



Jørgen

Dad (**Jørgen**) wanted to go sailing. He sailed for three years and got his mate's sailing license from Aabenraa School of Navigation. He had to however give up sailing to return to the farm, Haborgaard to help his mother. His dad was hit by a wing from the windmill and died of his injuries July 2, 1886. Dad was only 19 years old.

In 1893, Dad got married to Anna Clausen (1858-1895) daughter of Albert

Clausen from Kirkeby, Vestermark. She died early from tuberculosis and left a little daughter Bodil who was

born November 21, 1894. Anna's dad, Albert Clausen (great grandfather Albert), spent his last years at Harbogaard. A son, Rasmus (brother to Anna (Jørgen's first wife), came home from America with his wife Elizabeth to visit his dad. I remember their visit three times.



Jørgen's ship

Bodil Johanne Jørgensen (daughter from Jørgen's first marriage to Anna Clausen)

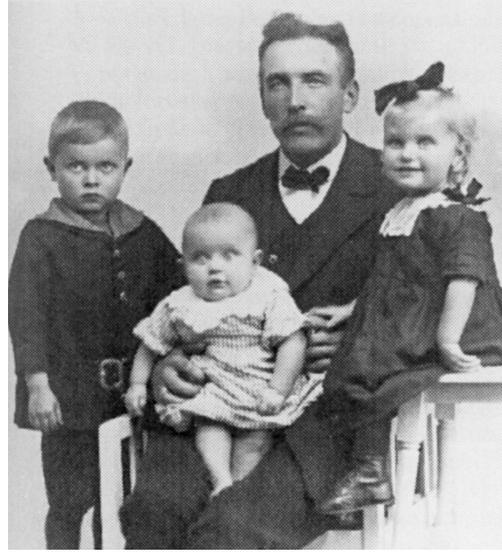
Bodil marries Asmus Asmussen from Øster Løgum on March 15, 1918. Asmus was born in Løjt Kirekby, April 9, 1894. Bodil and Asmus had three children:

1. Asmus Asmussen born January 16, 1919. He dies from TB March 30, 1924
2. Anne Asmussen born November 28, 1920
3. Christine Catrine Asmussen (Didde) born March 23, 1922

Bodil Johanne Asmussen dies October 24, 1922 from TB and her husband Asmus dies in January 1961.



Bodil and Asmus Asmusen



Asmus
Asmus, Didde and Ann

Anne Asmussen writes: (Second child of Bodil and Asmus Asmsussen)

My mother, Bodil Johanne Jørgensen, died from TB when I was 2. Our brother, Asmus, also died from TB. I stayed with my grandmother, as Dad later married his cousin who was a war widow. I went to Øster Logum School. It closed long ago. After graduating I got a job. The first year I stayed with Anne and Asmus Lassen in Hovslund. From there I got a job with Johanne and Jes in Hjordkaer. Later, I went to Hoptrup Efterskole in 1939. Then I got a job with Mads Lindholt in Fasbro for 1 1/2 years. My last job was with Anton Wollesen, Øster Logum. (He was father-in-law to Jes Holt.)



In October 1943, I was married to Lorens Peter Sønnichsen. He was born January 30, 1915, son of Marie and Marius Sønnicksen, Genner. We were going to rent a farm in Rise Hjarup. Then Vogelgesang said no when they found out we were Danish despite the fact that the owner would like to have us. Then we moved to a job on a farm in Hovslund. Our daughter Bodil was born there March 17, 1947. Later we sold it when in 1953 we bought the farm "Brøde" on Løjtland. Here Rita was born August 14, 1957.

Our greatest sorrow happened on June 23, 1963 when we lost our daughter Bodil in a tractor accident. They say accidents don't happen alone and in 1969, a fire destroyed our house and we lost everything we owned. It is good to have good neighbors and friends. We are still living on the farm.

Rita, after graduating from high school and business school is an apprentice at BJ Music where she still works. She drives to Sønderborg every day. Rita and her boyfriend Albert Lauritsen are living on the top floor of our home.

Anne tells later that she lost her husband Lorens February 25, 1997. The same year Anne moved into Løjt. Her daughter Rita and husband Albert still live on the farm "Brøde". They have two children:

1. Stine Marie born February 20, 1989
2. Niels Christian born October 12, 1991

Rita now works in the office of economics at Haderslev Hospital. Albert was a baker for many years but had to quit when he was not able to stand in the bakery. Now he drives around a large area of Denmark as sales representative for SBO.



Anne and Lorens Sønnichse

Christine Catrine Asmussen "Didde" (Third child of Bodil and Asmus Asmussen): She writes:

I was born March 13, 1922 in Aabenraa Hospital. At that time my mother was already sick and she died in October the same year I was born. I moved in with my grandparents in Harbogaard. It became my home and I was like a daughter to them. I have always called them Mom and Dad. I had a good childhood for which I am very thankful. I went to Bodum School and was confirmed in the Løjt church. I then went out to work and had different jobs in the area.



Didde and Peter Jessen

March 11, 1944, I married Peter Jessen. Peter was born November 10, 1916, the son of Margrethe and Jes Jessen, Løjt Vestermark. We first rented a little house on Løkt Vestermark. Then we bought a little farm from Peter's brother up on Løjt Bjergholdt. We farmed until Peter received an early pension. He had to quit working because of health problems. We have now rented the land to Svend Peter, who is the son of Botille and Albert Lauritzen. We are still living in the house and enjoying life. Unfortunately we did not have any children.

Didde tells later:

In 1998 we moved into a house in Løjt Gildegade that we bought from Jørgen Jessen. We sold the farm to Anne Margrethe and Jørgen Jessen's son Freddy Jensen. On October 27, 2000 Didde's husband, Peter, died after a long illness.

Anna Jensen continues:

In 1903, eight years after Dad's first wife Anne Clausen died of TB, Dad (Jørgen) got married to Anna Iversen (b. March 11, 1877 –d. May 2, 1963). Anna Iversen was the daughter of Jes Iversen and Anne Marie (Christensen) from Løjt Kirkeby. Her mother Anne Marie, died in childbirth. An aunt (Grethe) helped to raise the kids and do the housekeeping.

Mother's brother Jens had a blacksmith business. He died young leaving his wife, Sophie, with four children, Marie, Jes, Nicolai and Anna. We often visited Aunt Sophie in her home in Nørregade.

Mother's other brother Jes, lived near Harbogaard on the farm now owned by Niels Frank. We often came to visit Uncle Jes and Aunt Christine. When Uncle Jes was drafted during the First World War (1914-1918) our father helped on the farm as much as he could.

Mother worked as a young gal in the house of Captain Moos in Dyrhave for 10 years. She must have been very strong and competent to be able to do this. How we must admire her. She had 9 children very quickly and also took care of the old people who were there including great grandfather, Albert Clausen and Aunt Botille, great grandmother (Dad's mother). She also took care of Aunt Ingeborg toward the end of her life.

One can only wonder how it was possible to get all the work done. There were no modern conveniences of any kind. We all helped each other. As we children grew up, we all had our duties. We did a lot of work washing, butchering and baking in the old "Bakhus". In my first years as a child, we also brewed beer. My mother did the baking herself, but on washday she had help. I remember Marie Christensen or Stine Holm helping on washday. Knud was a day worker. The rye was threshed with a flail and the straw was used for the roof. Knud's wife Marie sewed for our family and Knud fixed our wooden shoes. When he brought them, we usually had coffee with akvavit. Their two sons Niels and Hans also helped where they could.

It was a lively and busy life in our home. We learned that unity and helpfulness enriches our lives. Yes, thanks to our parents for everything from the time we were children through adulthood.

There were nine children in Jørgen's second marriage with Anna (Iversen):

1. Johanna	born	February 4, 1904	died	February 21, 1998
2. Anna Marie	born	May 23, 1905		
3. Jensine	born	May 21, 1906	died	April 16, 1990
4. Jes	born	June 10, 1907	died	September 2, 2001
5. Ingeborg	born	June 14, 1908	died	November 13, 2001
6. Nis	born	September 19, 1909	died	April 10, 1997
7. Albert	born	February 1912	died	April 2, 1998
8. Botille	born	May 28, 1916	died	September 23, 1942
9. Petrea	born	September 7, 1917	died	April 14, 1989



Anna, Johanne, Ingeborg and Jensine



Jes, Albert, Nis and Botille



Anna and Jorgen
on their
Golden wedding day
15 May 1953



Jes, Nis, Ingeborg, Johanne, Albert,
Anna, Botille, Didde, Petrea, Jorgen and Anna

Johanne Jørgensen writes:

I am the oldest of nine children. We had a good home, with a loving dad and mother. They were religious hard working people who always wanted the best for all of us. I went to Bodum School from 1910 to 1918. The education was in German except for the religion classes that were taught in Danish. In the winter of 1917-1918, I went to confirmation training and was confirmed in Løjt Kirke March 17, 1918 with Pastor Høck. This meant a lot to me. In Løjt Parish while I was growing up, there were two “sisters” (Diakonisser) who took care of the sick and visited those who were lonely or old. Their work interested me and I wanted to get into this kind of work. God showed me this direction and in 1930 I came to Lukas Stiftelsen where I felt at home.



In the following years, I took nurse's training and worked many good years in the hospital. Now in retirement, I have my home here. But when I go back to Sønderjylland, I always say I am going home. I try to follow you in thought and prayer each day. I close with the words of a hymn that I like very much and often think about.

Lead us oh God on your command
Be able to live together
That we can be forever with you
In heaven can live in happiness.

Eduard Jensen writes:

Aunt Johanne died in 1998 after a long and good life at Lindely. She really has been at the right place. She always tried to help others especially her big family. It was nice to visit her and she helped several in our family when they came to København to work. She helped two of our children when they came to København to work. Andreas lived upstairs at Lukas Stiftelsen when he began his training. Marianne lived and worked there before she began her nurse's training at Bipebjerg Hospital.

We will always remember Aunt Johanna as a warm, frugal and modest person.

The Family of Anna Marie Jensen (Second child of Jørgen's second marriage)

Anna writes:

I went to Bodum School and got my education from teacher Fries. The education was in German, but the religion classes were in Danish. From 1914-1918 we had different teachers. Two young men, Gildberg and Bohnfeldt, were drafted and then for a while we had teacher, Møller and deacon, Todsén from Løjt. Later we had Anna Sandkamm. I liked her and from her I became interested in teaching. In 1919 I was confirmed and finished with school. In the summer of 1920, I went to Skanderup preschool and in 1921 I started school in Tønder Seminarium. I passed the test and had 3 seminarie classes and graduated in 1925. I got a job for a year in Løjt Kirkeby school. In 1927 I went to Østerby and stayed there until 1934 when I left. I had found my partner for life, Andreas Christian Jensen. He was born May 16, 1903, son of Sheriff Eduard N. Jensen and Caroline



Anna and Andreas 50th Wedding Anniversary

from Daler. We were married in Løjt church October 19, 1934 and moved into Adreas's childhood home, which is right beside the church in Daler. When we got married Adreas's parents moved into a retirement house right by the farm. Adreas's brother, Nis, and another young man and a girl helped us with the work on the farm. Nis stayed with us all the years we lived on the farm.

Adreas's father who was a sheriff died a few years after our marriage. Then my husband Adreas took over the job of sheriff. When this institution was replaced by the new commune reform, Adreas had the great honor to receive the Danish order "Ridder of Dannebrog".

We have three children:

Eduard Jensen	born	September 7, 1935
Anneline Jensen	born	April 9, 1939
Birte Jensen	born	April 26, 1944

On the old farm there was a stork nest on the barn and every year a pair of storks arrived. On the Easter morning that Anneline was born, the storks arrived. We have always been able to say that the storks brought our baby Anneline.

The old farm buildings became too small so began to modernize it. The farm was built in 1856 with thatched roofs. In 1948 we started to get a new roof on the house. In 1950-51 we built a new barn. During these years there was a big change in farming methods. Many new machines were used in farming and the heavy labor was greatly reduced. When Eduard married Kirsten Thuesen in 1961, they moved to the farm and we moved to the retirement home with Adreas's mother and Nis. We are still living here.



Anna, Birta, Anneline, Eduard and Adreas

A lot has happened since Anna wrote this. She is now living a good active life in the retirement home Digegaarden in Højer. She moved there after she was alone in 1996. Adreas's mother died in 1966. Adreas died suddenly October 5, 1991. Nis died four years later on October 5, 1995. Adreas's brother Nis spent his last years in Digegaarden in Højer. It was great to know Anna, Adreas, and Nis lived a good and close life together for so many years.



Brite, Anna, Anneline and Eduard in Anna's retirement home
1997

Eduard writes:

I started my education in Daler where children from Daler and Gærup went. There were two classes where a woman teacher taught the first 3 grades. Teacher Flint had the 4 oldest grades. We learned lots of songs we still enjoy singing now. I went to Daler school for four years and then went to Tønder Statsskole where I graduated. I had now decided that I was tired of school and wanted to farm. First I helped at home on the farm and then I got a job on Jyndevad Experimental Station. That was when Frederik Heicks was director. In November 1955, I was drafted to the king's guard for 16 months. That was a time of many memories. After staying home several months, I studied at Kjærgaard Agricultural School. After that I got a job on a farm in Hostrup by Vardi as a cattleman. The farm belonged to Vagn Fog-Petersen who at that time was director of the Dalum Agricultural School. My 15 months in Hostrup was my fate as far as the weaker sex is concerned. Here I met Kirsten Ingrid Thuesen who was born in Træden, Hostrup Parish July 26, 1941. She was the daughter of Anne and Søren Thuesen who had a farm in Træden by Kokspang. We were married in the Hostrup Church with Pastor Herluf Eriksen who was later bishop in Aarhus. We were married on May 15, 1961 the same day Kirsten's parents celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. We then moved to the farm here in Daler. We rented it in 1963 and bought it in 1966.

We have three children:

Andreas Jensen	born May 28, 1962
Torben Jensen	born April 16, 1963
Marianne Jensen	born November 6, 1968

As I write this, Andreas works in the Danish Bank in Rungsted. Torben wants to farm and we are planning on him moving here to the farm in a few years. Marianne attends the Tønder Gymnasium, but doesn't know yet what she wants to do. I can only say that I have been very lucky. I have a wonderful wife and some great children. I have been blessed with good times with my sisters at my parent's home. Kirsten also enjoyed good times with her two sisters and brothers in her home. We have tried to do the same for our children and think we have been quite successful.

We are now in 2002 and a lot has happened since I wrote the above. In 1990 we bought the old Præstegaard (parsonage) here in Daler and have lived here ever since. We sold the farm to Torben in 1992 and I spend my time helping him when he needs me. As one gets older it is nice to have less work. We also have other interests and have seen a little of this great world.

In 1998 we took a trip to the USA with my sister Anneline. Mother's cousin, Esther, and her husband, Harold, have visited Denmark a few times. In 1957 they had their daughter, Marilyn, along and we have kept in touch. In 1997 Esther and Harold's four children and their spouses visited us. Their four children are Dennis, Arlan, Edwin and Marilyn. They thought we should visit them in America and so we did. We were there 18 days and visited 7 states. The whole trip was simply arranged for us from beginning to end. We stayed with the four families alternately. Arlan and Carol took over the farm from Esther and Harold in Fredsville, Iowa. It is a half mile from the farm Arlan's grandparents, Erik and Christine Thuesen lived. Also near by is the farm of Ole and Johanne Johnson. Christine and Johanne are sisters of my grandfather Jørgen Jorgensen. Marilyn and Bill live in Des Moines. The four of them took us on a wonderful trip across the flat prairies of South Dakota and Wyoming to the beautiful Rocky Mountains in Colorado.

The two other couples, Dennis & Sandra and Edwin and Janice, live in the neighboring state of Minnesota. One of the last days they arranged a big family gathering in the fellowship hall of Fredsville Lutheran Church. There were about 70 people of all ages and all were descendants of our grandfather's two sisters, Christine and Johanne. There was almost an equal number from the two families, Thuesen and Johnson. We have many good contacts, good memories and great photos from there.

Our three children are all married. Andreas was married in the Gentofte Church July 10, 1995 to Birgitte Marie Thygesen. She was born October 18, 1967, daughter of Inge and Erik Tygesen. Andreas is now vice president of the Danish Bank in Hellerup. Birgitte who is an accountant works for Danica Pension in Lyngby. They bought a house in Gentofte.

Torben was married April 25, 1992 in Abild Church to Jette Marie Holst, born November 15, 1966 in Hogslund, Abild Parish. She is the daughter of Esther and Frode Holst who now live in

Tønder. Torben has the old family farm, now called Dalagergaard. Jette works in an office for a farm organization in Løgumkloster. Torben and Jette have three children:

Camilla Holst Jensen	born	March 4, 1993
Lasse Holst Jensen	born	May 4, 1996
Søren Holst Jensen	born	September 11, 1999

Marianne was married April 1, 2000 in the Daler Church to Per Christiansen. Per was born September 15, 1964, son of Gerda and Erik Chistiansen from Hjørring. Marianne is a nurse and works at Hillerød Hospital. Per is an architect and works at the Design and Communications Bureau, Bysted in Hellerup. He also paints and often exhibits his paintings. They have bought a nice old farmhouse in Nørre Herlev by Hillerød. They have one child:

Simon Christiansen	born	June 8, 2000.
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Anneline writes:

I arrived as mentioned earlier with the stork April 9, 1939 on a beautiful Easter morning. The family was very happy to get a little girl but big brother Eduard was more interested in the Easter eggs he received. I started in Daler school and then went to Tønder Statsskole where I graduated. I then worked in Den Danske Landmandsbank in Tønder. After my apprenticeship, I got a job in their bank in Helsingør. In 1961 I married Erik Nielsen Gotsæd. He was born July 12, 1939 son of Astrid and Helge Nielsen Gotsæd who had Kronborg Sawmill by Helsingør. We lived in a new house by the sawmill where Erik worked. Later we moved to Græsted where he had a sawmill in a closed factory. We were divorced in 1976. We have 3 children:

Klaus Nielsen Gotsæd	born	May 31, 1962
Lars Nielsen Gotsæd	born	December 30, 1965
Lene Astrid Nielsen Gotsæd	born	April 8, 1974

Klaus is a machinist and lives and works in Helsingør.

Lars is still at home. He is studying business at Espergærd Gymnasium.

Lene is in 4th grade in Gilleleje School.

After many years working at home as a homemaker, I am again working for Græsted Kommunes. April 1, 1985, I bought a house in Græsted Park. Now many years later I am still living there. I have a job at Græsted Gilleleje Kommunes Social office.

As mentioned earlier I was on an unforgettable trip the summer of 1998 to USA with Kirsten and Eduard. We made contact with the big family over there. Otherwise in my spare time I am together with family and run in a club. Once a week I sing in Gribskov chorus.

My family has also grown. Klaus was married October 1989 to Gitte Sorensen. She was born July 18, 1966, the daughter of Annette and Hening Sørensen, Helsingør. Gitte works for the DSB. Klaus now works as a production technician for HV-Turbo in Helsingør. They live on Exnersvej in Helsingør and have 2 sons:

Daniel Nielsen Gotsæd born August 17, 1989
Lukas Nielsen Gotsæd born September 14, 1993

My son Lars was married June 14, 1997 in Norup church to Lone Aagaard Hasring, Nørup, Vejle. Lone was born January 13, 1970, daughter of Ida Aagaard and Svend Christian Hassing. Lars is an engineer and works for LEGO in Billund. Lone is a teacher in Vejle. They have a house in Billund and have a son:

Jonas Gotsæd Harsing born July 3, 1998

Lene lives with Claus Christian Kildegaard Jensen. Claus was born June 14, 1968, the son of Gerda and Anders Jensen, Græsted. Lene works for a realty company in Snekkersten. Claus works for Novo-Nordisk in Hillerød. They bought a house on Ramsager in Græsted and have a son:

Mikkel Christian Kildegaard Gotsæd born March 13, 1999.

Birte writes:

As the raisin in the end of the sausage, I was born April 26, 1944. My brother and sister say I was spoiled, but I doubt that. After 7 years in Daler School, I left the school. I then had a job as a maid first here at home and then attended Vojens youth school for 5 months. Then I worked in the home of Andrea and Jens Thomsen at Mogeltonder dairy. From southern Jutland, I went to Sjælland at the age of 16 to play the piano for singing, gymnastics and folkdancing. After the apprentice time I continued to play, but also served as a cook.

I liked it on Sjælland and worked as a maid for an architect couple, Eva and Niels Koppel in Gentofte. I spent 4 years here while I got my high school education from the Statens Kurus in København. I then started my education to be a teacher on Jonstrup Seminarium. In 1966 I married Ole Bengt Kongsgaard Hansen. He is the son of Karen Kongsgaard Jensen and Valdemar Hansen, Ringsted. We have 2 children:

Lise Kongsgaard Hansen born October 4, 1966
Peter Kongsgaard Hansen born March 30, 1969

In 1970 I graduated and got a teaching job on Trongaardsskolen in Lyngby where I still work. Ole is an architect and has had his own business since 1972. He specializes in design of hotels and restaurants. Lise is studying at Virum Statsskole and Peter is in the 9th grade on Hummeltofteskolen in Sorgenfri.

We live in a lovely house on Kongestien in Virum-Sorgenfri. Birte is a teacher and school librarian at Trongaardsskolen in Lyngby. Ole has moved his office home after several years in Charlottenlund. Birte and Ole's house in Virum Sorgenfri eventually got to large and now we have a nice apartment in Birkerød. We also have a summerhouse in Karresbæksminde and spend a lot of time there.

Lise was married October 2000 to Gon Kiem Broson Prag. He was born in Vietnam February 24, 1967, the son of Anh Ha Cong and Jorgen Prag. Lise is project director in Sponsor Service A/S København. Gon is director in an IT company, TSM in København. They have a house in Herlev and have 2 sons:

Oliver Kiem Kongsgaard Prag	born	September, 26, 1996
Adam Vinh Kongsgaard Prag	born	March 11, 1999

Peter was married August 17, 2001 to Charlotte Fabricius. She was born February 10, 1967 the daughter of Birgit and Hans Fabricius, Sollerød. Peter is arrangement consultant for a furniture company in København and Charlotte works for Dansk Boligselskab in København. They live in Gentofte and have 2 children.

Nicoline Fabricius Kongsgaard	born	April 19, 1997
Sebastian Fabricius Kongsgaard	born	April 14, 2001

Jensine Jørgensen

Jensine was born May 21, 1906 at Harbogaard as # 3 of the children. She was sick since she was born and her illness worsened as she aged. Jensine died at Harbogaard April 16, 1924 from TB. She was almost 18 years old.

Jes Jørgensen and family.



Jes writes:

I was born at Harbogaard June 10, 1907. I went to school in Bodum with teacher Andersen. I mostly stayed at home because I had a bad arm caused by an accident when I was 2 years old, but later had a job on a farm in Øster Lindet. In 1933 I moved to a farm in Revsø by Sommersted and married Johanne Marie Madsen. She was born in Orum by Hedensted March 19, 1909. In 1935 we sold the farm in Revsø and moved to Hjordkær. On March 8, 1943, I had the great sorrow to lose Johanne and was alone with 4 children.



Johanne and Jes

Esther Jørgensen	born	October 1, 1934
Anna Margrethe Jørgensen	born	Feb. 27, 1936
Albert Jørgensen	born	March 25, 1938
Jytte Jørgensen	born	August 23, 1942

Jytte was moved to an aunt in Vejle and stayed there.



Jytte, Esther, Albert and Anne



Frederikke and Jes

In 1945 I remarried to Frederikke Callesen from Uge. She was born August 23, 1909. Gradually the farm was expanded and we got a bunch of bulls. The number grew and a cattle breeding association was started. We sold the farm to the association and we were hired to run the business. Every morning 4 technicians came and started from here. It was always busy in the morning. All orders were placed by phone. That was Frederikke's job. As the business expanded the place in Hjordkær got too small. They built a new bull station in Bovlund and we moved there to manage it. We stayed there 7 years and then bought a house in Hjordkær. Jes died September 2, 1990 and Frederikke died February 1, 1997.

Esther Jørgensen writes:

I was born October 1, 1934 in Revsø by Sommersted. In 1936 we moved to Hjordkær so I remember my childhood from there. In 1941 I started in the little school for 2 years and then we got a new wonderful central school. In 1944 I contracted TB and spent 9 months in the Christmas Seal Sanitorium by Kolding. Luckily I recovered and went home and continued school until the 7th grade. I then worked as a maid a few years. I wanted to try something different so I got a job in Boysens Book Store in Aabenraa for 2 years. I then worked the Sønnichsens Varehus in Aabenraa for five years.

March 29, 1958 I married technician, Svend Skovgaard Nielsen. He came to Sønderjylland from Aarhus and was born August 18, 1917. We have 5 children:

Ole Skovgaard Nielsen	born	January 19, 1950
Per Skovgaard Nielsen	born	January 19, 1950
Hanne Skovgaard Nielsen	born	October 15, 1961
Bent Skovgaard Nielsen	born	May 12, 1968
Borge Skovgaard Nielsen	born	May 12, 1968

Ole is an engineer and works for OK. He just took 2 trips with Elsam-Jylland to South Africa to buy coal.

Per works for the tax department in Sønderborg and he lives with Dorte.

Hanne works in Hjordkær kindergarten and is married to Bjarne Jensen. They have a three year old son named Claus and have built a house near us.

Bente and Børge are in the 10th grade so luckily they are still at home. We live in a house on Kirkegade in Hjordkær.

Esther writes later:

Our house became too big so we moved to a smaller one on Kirkegade. We are now neighbors to Albert and Anne Lise and we like that. Ole is still working as an engineer and lives in Torøhuse by Assens. He does not have children but lives together with Vivian Lundgren. She has two children, Liselotte and Stefan.

Per is a tax accountant for Aabenraa kommune and lives in Aabenraa. He married a teacher, Dorte Nyeman on June 6, 1987. Per's name now is Per Skovgaard Nyemann-Nielsen. They have three children:

Sarah Nyemann-Nielsen	born	September 16, 1986
Signe Nyemann-Nielsen	born	January 21, 1989
Jonas Nyemann-Nielsen	born	June 28, 1996

Hanne is a kindergarten teacher and assistant in Hjordkær and also works as a reflexology therapist in Hjordkær. In 1982 she married Bjarne Jensen but divorced in 1991. They have 2 children:

Claus Stenager Jensen	born	April 8, 1982
Mads Stenager Sensen	born	September 26, 1985

Claus works as an apprentice in the El-firm Kirchner in Tønder and Mads is attending Graasten Agricultural School.

Bent is a customer advisor for Realkredit Danmark in Aarhus and lives there.

Borge is a programmer at Tele Danmark in Odense and lives in Bellinge.

Anna Margrethe writes:

I was born February 27, 1936 on the bull station in Hjordkær and went to school there for 7 years. After confirmation I worked as a maid for teacher Nederby in Hjordkær. I had to do most of the work as his wife also was teaching. After this I worked in kindergarten in Aabenraa. In 1953 I married Werner Clausen Høegh born March 13, 1932. He was the son of Johannes and Christine Høegh from Hjordkær. We moved to a small apartment in Sønderborg. Werner worked many years at Danfoss. Later we bought a small garden shop in Sønderborg and we both work there. We moved to Guderup where we bought a house. We have 4 grown children:

Jan Jørgensen Høegh	born	September 29, 1953
Yrsa Jørgensen Høegh	born	October 22, 1956
Hardy Jørgensen Høegh	born	September 14, 1960
Anja Jørgensen Høegh	born	July 18, 1963

Anna writes later that they sold the business but they are both seem to be more busy than before. They are now working for the Danish Red Cross. Werner is director of the local division. Anna runs the shop for used items and she says that they don't have time to think that they are getting older.

Jan works as a chef and for a time had the restaurant Notmarkhus. Now he works for the packing house, Danish Crown in Blans. In his spare time, Jan works in the kitchen at Skovkroen in Nørreskov. He is married to Marion Greiner, born in Hamburg June 13, 1949. Her first husband died in a traffic accident and she has 2 daughters, Cornelia and Maren. Marion works in the cafeteria in Sønderborgh airport. Jan and Marion now live in Almsted by Augustenborg and they have a son Jan Rene Høegh.

Jan Rene lives with Brita and they have a son Nicklaus Høegh.

Yrsa lives with Jørn Olsen, born April 11, 1955. They have an art shop in Nørre Vorupor.

Hardy works in the office of EUC in Sønderborg. He lived in Dybbøl with Monika but they are divorced. They have 2 children:

Daniel Høegh	born	April 10, 1987
Sara Høegh	born	September 17, 1991

Anja was married to Jan Schmidt, but they are now divorced. They have 3 children:

Steffan	born	December 12, 1982
Kennet	born	May 2, 1985
Christoffer	born	November 16, 1990

Anja now lives with Preben Bjerrre. He was born in Herning, May 25, 1970. He works Danfoss in Flensborg. They live in Sønderborg and have a son Marcus born March 19, 2001.

Albert writes:

I was born March 25, 1938 on Hjordkær bullstation and went to school in Nybøl old school as Hjordkær Central School was used as a hospital the last year of World War II. I did go to the school the last 6 years and was confirmed in Hjordkær church March 31, 1952. I worked at home until I got a job on Jyndevad Experimental Station. I then worked as a hired man for Svend A. Staugaard in Torp for one year. Then I got a job on the Holmgaard farm by Kliplev before I served in the army for 16 months with Slesvigske and Fodregiment. I worked at Vestergaaard in Aarslev before I went to Graasten Agricultural School and Malling Agricultural

School. Next I got a job at Sønderjylland cattle breeding association in 1969. I married Anne Lise Skau from Mjøl's by Rødekro. She was born February 11, 1943. Albert and Anne Lise built a house in Hjorkær in 1963. They have 6 children.

Ebbe Jørgensen	born	August 8, 1961
Svend Jørgensen	born	June 20, 1963
Jes Peter Jørgensen	born	March 12, 1965
Kirsten Jørgensen	born	August 26, 1966
Eva Skau Jørgensen	born	October 6, 1976
Pia Jørgensen	born	July 22, 1980

Albert writes later that he still works as a technician with cattle and the whole family is doing well.

Ebbe worked as a chef but now has a job with the post office in Aabenraa. In 1991 he married Esther Marie Lildholdt who was born May 30, 1968. She worked as a florist but now works in a shop in Aabenraa. They live in Hjorkær and have 2 children:

Rikke Lildholdt Jørgensen	born	February 17, 1989
Trine Lildholdt Jørgensen	born	September 30, 1990

Svend took training as a machine technician. Now he drives all over Denmark as a service engineer for CECO. In 1998 he married Britta Hansen born February 9, 1963. She is a nursing assistant and works for Blaabjerg Kommune. They live in Varde and have a daughter:

Sidsel Eline Jørgense	born	July 13, 1999
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Jes Peter is an electrician and works as a custodian and service technician for Danish Folkeferie in Løjt. He lives in Hjorkær with Alice Smith born April 26, 1969. They have 3 children:

Jens Jørgensen	born	March 22, 1996
Anne Jørgensen	born	May 27, 1998
Tobias Jørgensen	born	September 22, 2000

Kirsten got her training in a lawyer's office and now works in the office for Clip cleaning business in Rødekro. In 1995 she married Ole Nissen born October 31, 1966. He is a mechanic and works for Aabenraa Karosseri factory. They live in Hjorkær and have 3 children:

Mikkel Skau Nissen	born	July 19, 1996
Thomas Skau Nissen	born	December 9, 1998
Oliver Skau Nissen	born	November 25, 2001

Eva attends the school of Forest and Farming Technology in Slagelse. She lives with Anders Hjør Rasmussen born March 22, 1976. He is studying at the University of Copenhagen and hopes to work for the Danish Forestry Department. They live in Lyngby and have one daughter.

Julie Skau

born September 6, 2000

Pia worked for Magasin in Kolding and is now in sales for a business in Kolding. She lives in Aabenraa.

Jytte writes:

I was born August 23, 1942. As my mother died when I was quite young, I went to live with my mother's sister Gerda and her husband Emil in Vejle. Here I was raised with my little brother Ernst. We had a good childhood. I have a lot of memories from summer vacations and family gatherings on the bull station in Hjordkær. I received my training in a bank and worked for Vejle Amtskommune. Later I worked at home and had a day care center. October 9, 1965 I married Ib Christensen. Ib was born February 2, 1940 and works as a bank account in Sønderjylland. We have 2 sons:

Niels Henrik Christensen

born

July 9, 1967

Morten Henrik Christensen

born

September 3, 1971

Niels Henrik is learning horsemanship in Kolding and Morten is in the 8th grade. The whole family is interested in horses and sporting events with horses. Unfortunately I had an accident and hurt my leg, so I now have to use crutches.

Jytte writes later that they still live in their beautiful home in Vejle. The accident she had while horse riding in 1982 caused her to have her leg amputated 10 years later. Now she is doing fine on crutches and a wheelchair. She lives a quiet life with her husband Ib. He was a bank accountant until 1990 when a stroke forced him to retire. Luckily he has no paralysis and is getting along fine.

Niels Henrik is a riding master and takes care of a big equestrian school in Viborg. He lives with Lisbeth Frank born January 14, 1974 and works at a day care.

Morten is an environmental technician and has a director's job in Jellinge Kommune. In his spare time he takes care of horses on his farm in Give. He lives here with his fiancé Karina Stenman Larsen born November 5, 1971 and works as a nurse at the Vejle hospital.

Ingeborg Jessen and family:

Ingeborg writes:

I was born on Harbogaard June 14, 1908 as number 5 of the children. I was born with a dislocated hip and have always had a handicap. I am lame and it has always hurt to walk. I went to Bodum school. The first years at Bodum School was during WWI and the education was in German. I also got Danish education a few years later with teacher Andersen who came to Bodum after the reunification. I was confirmed in the Løjt church March 25,



1923 with Pastor Nørballe. I worked several places where I learned housekeeping. March 17, 1929, I married Friedrich Jessen born November 7, 1896 the son of Margrethe and Jes Jessen, Løjt Vestermark. He was called in the war at 19 years of age. He was wounded during the war and lost a leg. He was an invalid all his life. Later he became an upholsterer and bought his own business in 1926 in a new house in Løjt. It became our home. We have 2 children:



Jørgen Jessen born February 14, 1930
 Anne Margrethe Jessen born April 4, 1934

Ingeborg and Friedrich

My husband died July 2, 1975 after several years of illness, but we had 46 years together and now I live here with my son and daughter in law. Ingeborg lived in a nursing home in Løjt the last few months and died November 13, 2001. Her son preceded her in death. He died a few months earlier.

Jørgen writes:

I went to Løjt School 7 years and was confirmed in the Løjt church by Pastor Bilde. After confirmation I worked to learn more about farming. I was in the army in Søgaard and Tønder and when I came home, I wanted to be an upholsterer and got a job with my dad. As my dad was ill, I took over the business in 1960, until I quit in 1971. Then I worked for Sækko Pressenning in Aabenraa and for one year I worked for Sydjysk Gulvbelægning. After that I went to Aabenraa Karøserifabrik and have worked here 13 years as an auto upholsterer. I married Anne Margrethe Iversen April 27, 1956. She was born May 31, 1932, the daughter of Johanne and Heinrich who works for Skrave church. Anne Margrethe received nurse's aide training and has worked as a nurse's aid in the nursing home in Grønnegaarden in Aabenraa. We have 3 sons:

Freddy Jessen born September 27, 1956
 Tommy Jessen born June 11, 1961
 Per Jessen born September 20, 1964

Freddy graduated from Løjt School and has been at Vojens Youth School. He took a business examination in Aabenraa and is now foreman At Fiat cars in Aabenraa. He lives with Aase Diedrichsen, born March 3, 1958, daughter of Anna Luise and Svend Aage Diedrichsen, Bylderup Bov. She moved in with us and graduated from business school in Aabenraa. She worked in the Løjt co-op grocery and is still there. They have built a house in our backyard.

Tommy took the practical exam in Aabenraa and trained in Sydbank in Aabenraa. He still works there and has a condo in Aabenraa.

Per took expanded 10th grade and was a mechanic at Ford autos in Aabenraa. He continues there and is still living at home.

A lot has happened since Jørgen wrote this. Anne Margrethe has retired. This has been a very close family where 4 generations have lived together beautifully and all have helped each other. Therefore it was hard for the family when Jørgen became seriously ill and died June 21, 2001. When Ingeborg died a short time later, the home in Løjt seemed empty. Per is still working as a mechanic and lives at home. It is good for Anne Margrethe as otherwise the house would seem too big.

Freddy and Aase got married September 27, 1986 and they have 2 children:

Jeanett Jessen	born	August 15, 1988
Kasper Jessen	born	February 18, 1991

Freddy has owned Toyota in Tønder for many years and Aase works for Løjt cemetery. They have now moved to Bjergholdt and built a new house on the place they bought from Didde and Peter Jessen.

Tommy still works in the banking world but now is working and living in Luxemborg. He was married April 6, 1997 in Las Vegas to Kirsten Hansen. She was born in Germany April 12, 1964 the daughter of farmer Jens and Marichen Hansen in Wittbeck by Husum. They are building a house in Wellen, Germany. It is by the Mosel River and close to the old town Trier. They have a daughter:

Julie Jessen	born	October 3, 1998
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Anne Margrethe writes:

On the day of my 51st birthday, my mother came for a visit and she asked me to write in this family book.

I was born in Løjt Kirkeby. I went to school in Løjt for 7 years and was confirmed in the Løjt church March 21, 1948. I then worked as a maid several places. In 1953 I went to Ry Højskole and in 1955, I went to Graasten Husholdningsskole. Later I worked as a seamstress in a clothing factory.

In 1963 I married Frede Jepsen. He was born April 19, 1934 the son of Mette Marie and Friedrich Jepsen, Marstrup. We have a daughter:

Karin Jepsen	born	March 9, 1964
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Karin went to Hoptrup School and also business school in Haderslev Katedral school. She then went to Switzerland as an au pair girl and when she came back she worked as a maid. Now she is studying at Hoptrup Højskole.

Since I got married I have always been a homemaker. I have several interests like Danish Women's Preparedness and a women's organization. Frede was a carpenter but now we are enjoying our retirement in our house in Hoptrup.

Karin writes:

I will continue where my mother left off. After my stay in the Højskole I worked as a teacher assistant, a nurse's aide and in a factory. In 1998 I was trained as a nurse and have worked in a nursing home. The last 7 years I have been working at Aabenraavej's nursing home.

After having lived together 10 years, I married John Babel Petersen July 1, 1995. John was born July 5, 1965 the son of Nanci and Kurt Petersen. John comes from a blacksmith family. In 1985 he was trained as a locksmith and later he studied to become a machine technician. He was foreman of the JF factory in Sønderborg and now he has worked for 6 years for the Mærsk container industry in Tinglev. We have always lived in Haderslev and bought a house there 3 years ago. We play badminton and in the summer we sail our sailboat. We still live in Haderslev and have 2 children.

Thomas Babel Petersen	born	February 13, 1997
Louise Babel Petersen	born	August 9, 2001

Nis Jørgensen and Family:

Nis writes:

I was born September 19, 1909 and after a good childhood with many wonderful memories, I received my education in Bodum school and the classes were taught in German. Only one hour a week, the lesson in religion was taught in Danish. It was only the children in our family and a few other families that took advantage of this special privilege. I liked the teacher, Anna Sandkam. I believe she made us study very hard and had high expectations for us. I especially remember the Christmas celebrations. They were a big event. Already in the first school years, we participated in the celebration. We had to learn some songs and then we had to stand in front of all the parents and read all of them. Every student also received a Christmas gift.

Then in 1920 we had the Reunification and all the German teachers were replaced with Danish teachers. A School Commission was elected and my dad was elected chairman. The first job of the Commission was to hire a Danish teacher. It was teacher A.J. Andersen from Sønderbæk by Randers who got the job. He later became my father-in-law. I only had six months of education with him because I was already admitted to Aabenraa Statsskole in 1921. I started in a class named 1 Mellem and finished with



Minna and Nis

realeksamen in 1926. I went to confirmation studies with Pastor Juhler in Aabenraa and was confirmed in St Nicolaj church in 1924. After graduation I got a job as an apprentice in Aabenraa Sparekasse. I had for some time wanted to work in a bank and I realized quickly that I had come to the right place. I had the good fortune to work in the same bank for 50 years, only interrupted by military service in the summer of 1930.

You could write books about the advances in the bank in those 50 years. I will just mention that for me it was 50 happy and interesting years. In 1967 our bank joined the banks of Sønderborg and Tønder and was then called Sparekassen Sønderjyllands. In 1969 I became manager of the bank in Aabenraa where I had worked since 1926 when I was 17 years old. I retired in 1976.

I also had a wonderful private life. When I was real young I got to know my teacher A.J. Andersen and his wife Ellen Andersen's daughter, Minna and later we decided to get married. Minna was born May 19, 1912 in Pejrup on Fyn. We were married March 25, 1934 in the Løjt church by Pastor Hansen. A short time later we moved to Aabenraa. We rented a place a



Minna, Henning, Vagn and Nis

couple of times until we decided to build a house on Tækkerløkke in 1950. On April 1, we moved in there and we still live there and enjoy our retirement.

My sister Anna has written that dad had a brother, Uncle Peter, who at a young age emigrated to Australia and two sisters, Christine and Johanne immigrated to the USA. In 1963 Minna and I decided to visit both Minna's family and my family in the United States, which was a great experience. It was the first time my family in the US had a visit from Denmark. We took the same trip in 1973 with the same great success. These visits gave us a lot of contacts. In 1981 we went to Australia to visit Uncle Peter's descendants. This was also a very great experience. We had not had contact with the family in Australia for many years. In 1953 we made contact with the Australian relatives and during our visit, we found out that there are many descendants of the Jørgensen family living there. In honor of our visit in 1981, they arranged a family party with 140 family members.

In closing comes the very best. Minna and I have 2 children:

Henning Jørgensen born February 5, 1935
Vagn Jørgensen born July 16, 1938

Nis died on April 10, 1997. Minna now lives at a retirement home on Frydendahl.



Nis, Anna, Didde, Petrea, Albert,
Johanne, Jes and Ingeborg
Photo taken in Daler, 1981, as Minna and Nis voyage to Australia

Henning's story written by his wife Esther:

Henning was born February 5, 1935. After taking his first steps as a sweet handsome boy in white spats and sailor suit, he started school in Nygade school. It soon became apparent that his skills were better for books than the practical skills. To his parent's satisfaction he received his baccalaureate degree. He accomplished this in 1954. He was very interested in politics. He

therefore started to study national economics to gain influence in how the crazy politicians use the country's money. This goal changed as he thought it was too boring. It's a shame because I am sure that the money would have been spent in a more reasonable manner if Henning were in charge.

Instead he followed in his grandfather's footsteps and chose to study education at Blaagaardsseminariet in København and graduated in 1959. After having lived in apartments for a few years, his Aunt Hanne helped him get organized. After being in the army, he became a teacher at Rugkobbelskolen in Aabenraa from 1961 to 1966. He then ventured on his own to the other side of Storebælt to Frederiksværk. It didn't take long for 3 single teachers to discover Henning, a handsome young man and place bets on who could make the best impression on him. Luckily Esther won this bet.

Esther was born July 15, 1932, the daughter of Ellen Sofie and Ejnar Rasmussen. Henning and Esther were married May 1, 1967. Actually it was May 2nd as a few days before the wedding, we found out the municipal office was closed on May 1st. The wedding was decided so it really didn't matter. We first lived in an apartment and when Anders, our first born got bigger and wanted to play in the yard, Henning would go down there and talk to the women about diapers and diets. We then decided we should have a house with a garden. That was in 1968 and we still live in that home on Hjortemosevej.

For Christmas 1997, I gave Henning a table tennis table. I didn't plan it very well as none of our rooms were big enough. There were two possibilities. Either we could build a bigger room or sell the table. We chose to build and this project started with a small addition to the bedroom and ended with another story on the house. It turned out to be an expensive table. We have 2 children:

Anders Jørgensen	born	November 2, 1967
Jette Jørgensen	born	April 5, 1969

Anders is now in 2nd year at Frederiksberg Gymnasium. If Henning and I have anything to say about it, he should at least be a professor, but now the average grade decides what he can be, so we will see. Jette is still in Folkeskole and right now she wants to do everything.

Henning's interest in sports has not diminished and through the years we both enjoy it. He is still a quiet man without the real big changes so everything is fine in our love nest. Esther retired in 1992 and Henning in 1995. They are enjoying their retirement years in their wonderful house on Hjortemosevej.

Anders is a biochemist and lives in Bagsværd. He discovered however that he could earn more money by working with Nokia. Jette got married July 26, 1994 to Jørgen Svendsen born August 30, 1971. He is the son of Dorrit and Svend Erik Svendsen, Frederiksværk. Jette is a nurse at Gentofte Hospital. Jørgen is a foreman in a shop for the autistic. They live in Bagsværd and have 3 children.

Lærke Svendsen	born	December 16, 1996
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Lasse Svendsen born August 16, 1998
Thor Svendsen born July 13, 2001

Vagn Jørgensen writes:

I was born July 16, 1938 in Bodum near my grandparents. I got my education in Aabenraa, first in Nygade School and later at the Statsskolen. After school I worked as an apprentice in 1955 as a diesel mechanic at Chr.P. Barsøe. In 1959, I studied at Odense Teknikum and graduated as an engineer in 1962. The following years I had different jobs around the country. It was exciting with many challenges. In 1958, I married Edith Hansen and we have 4 children:

Per Jørgensen born February 16, 1959
Michael Jørgensen born February 27, 1962
Anne Mette Jørgensen born July 11, 1964
Tine Jørgensen born May 6, 1967

We divorced in 1974.

My wife now is Aase Dalsgaard. Aase was born April 1, 1944 the daughter of Martha and Poul Lund, Haderslev. We were married January 29, 1978. Aase is a teacher and now works as a psychologist for schools in Røderkro and Tinglev. When I married Aase I also got a little daughter, Charlotte born May 8, 1970. The three of us live on Nørremarken in Tinglev in a wonderful house we built in 1975-76. Here I have my office and we import machines and equipment for farms and industry from a German business.

We moved many years ago to Aabenraa. Aase still has the same job. Vagn has worked for Danish Bio Gas in Aarhus for 20 years.

Vagn has a good job and his office is at home. He says it is a business that has possibilities for huge expansion in the future. Every day new and exciting things happen. Perhaps that is why Vagn accepts new challenges. He likes his work and it is also a hobby that he enjoys. Vagn's 4 children from his first marriage all live in Haderslev.

Per is married to Gitte Christensen and they have 2 children:

Ssebastian Jørgensen born October 18, 1982
Steffan Jørgensen born February 1, 1985

Michael has one son:

Mads born December 21, 1987

Anne Mette has 4 children:

Jacob born July 4, 1983
Nanna born November 11, 1989
Trine born April 18, 1991

Then came the difficult year where we lost 2 dear little boys. Erik was born May 17, 1944 and he died January 13, 1945 from bronchitis. July 15, 1945 we had another baby boy named Erik. He died 11 days later, July 26, 1945 from severe thrush. Then we had 2 more children:

Annemarie Jørgensen	born	April 15, 1947
Henrik Holdt Jørgensen	born	January 20, 1951

We had many good years on Harbogaard, but when Paul Paulsen could no longer make it in his home on Gl Bodumvej, we bought his house. We now have lived here since January, 1983 as it is time to slow down. I still go to Harbogaard and take care of the land, which now mostly consist of growing grain. We had begun to reduce the herd a few years ago but when we later became ill with IBR, we had to sell most of the herd. A few young cattle are out on pasture but the buildings need cleaning before we can rebuild the herd.

We look forward to the day Annemarie's son Peter can take over the farm. He likes farming and will be going to agricultural school. When we moved up here to Løjt, we were pleased that Annemarie and her fiancé Erik Schmidt moved to Harbogaard. They really take good care of the old meeting place for the Jørgensen family.



Signe, Jørgen, Bodil
Astrid, Henrik, Annemarie, and Albert

Astrid dies March 10, 1997 and
Albert dies April 2, 1998.

Jørgen Holdt Jørgensen:

Jørgen was born on Harbogaard November 1, 1937. He went to Løjt school and after confirmation he went to Vojens Youth School. He was working here at home but worked half a year at H. Jensen, Dybvighoven. A few years later he went to Vestbrik Højschool where he met Maren Marie. She was born February 21, 1943 the daughter of Merry and Rasmus Rohde, Hobro. They have worked together with Albert and Astrid on Harbogaard. They have a son born in the hospital in Sønderborg.

Lars Rohde Jørgensen	born	February 13, 1965
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Lars had worked in farming several places including a farm in Lintrup by Rødding. He also worked at Hotel Folkehjem in Aabenraa. Now he works at the Bambo firm in Aabenraa. Jørgen and Maren enjoy life in their home in Bodum

Signe writes:

I was born December 8, 1938 on Harbogaard where I had a wonderful childhood. After 8 1/2 years of school in Løjt, I worked as a maid. After that I worked 3 years in C.A. Lassen's jewelry shop in Aabenraa. In April 1959, I went to Heidelberg in southern Germany with my sister Bodil to learn language. I spent 8 months there working for a boarding house. It was hard but a wonderful time I will never forget. In January 1960, I got a job at Jørgen Frandsen's jewelry in Vejle. October 3, 1960 was a very sad day for me. I was a passenger in a serious car accident. My girlfriend was killed and I had serious injuries to my arms and legs. I was unconscious for 19 days in Odense University Hospital. I also had psychological problems for a long time. During the winter of 1961-62, I went to a convalescent stay at Rødding Højskole and thought I could start working again, but it was too soon. I then received treatment in Aarhus and started to work in an office there. In 1963, I met my future husband, Ervid Peter Mejer Schmidt. He was born February 6, 1938, the son of Eline and Mads Peter Schmidt, Genner. We were married in the Løjt church July 17, 1965 and moved to Vejle where Erwin is an engineer a Møller and Jochumsen. I was a homemaker and the next 3 years, we had 2 sons:

Robert Mejer Schmidt	born	January 15, 1966
Carsten Mejer Schmidt	born	December 2, 1967

In 1968 we moved to a house in Grejs near Vejle and we still live here. I had some wonderful years as a homemaker. Now that the boys are grown, I went back to work for my old boss in the jewelry store in Vejle and I like that very much.

Signe writes later:

In 1989, I became semi-retired and have a part time job at Tørring-Uldum Pensionisthøjskole. I sing in the Vejle chorus with the Årsungerne there. Erwin worked for Møller and Jochumsen for 14 years. Then he worked as an advisor and spent the last 4 years of his career at K.D. machine factory in Vejle. He retired when he was 60 and enjoys playing golf.

Our son Robert works as a pollution control engineer for the water department in Kolding Kommune. He is married to nurse Hanne Haahr, born October 9, 1968, the daughter of Inge and Helge Haahr, Esbjerg. They live in Børkop and have 2 children

Ida Arved Schmidt	born	September 18, 1997
Anna Arved Schmidt	born	November 5, 2001

Our son Carsten went to Horsen's Teknikum and became a mechanical engineer. He works as an IT engineer at Betodan in Vejle. He is married to Dorthe Gjerka, born April 9, 1969, the daughter of Edith and Leon Gjerka, Vejle. They live in Øster Snede by Kragelund and 2 children:

Martin Gjerka Schmidt	born	May 14, 1995
Maria Gjerka Schmidt	born	September 12, 1997

Bodil writes:

I was born on Harbogaard May 15, 1942 the third child of Astrid and Albert's children. I went to Løjt School for 9 years and graduated in 1958. After school, I went with my sister Signe and worked in Heidelberg. Later I went to by myself to London as an au pair girl. Then I worked at Hotel Hornbækhus until November 1961. The winter of 1961-62, I went to Rødning Hojskole with my sister Signe. After that I had different jobs until I started nurse's training at Aarhus Kommune Hospital.

On November 23, 1968, I married Svend Ingerslev, born March 19, 1940, the son of Kathrine and Holger Ingerslev, Tørring by Ry. I met Svend at Rodding Højskole and we moved to Tørringgaard and have lived there since. We have 3 children:

Gitte Ingerslev	born	October 28, 1969
Hanne Ingerslev	born	June 17, 1971
Ole Ingerslev	born	July 17, 1976

Two years ago I started working at Ry Kommunes nursing home Sokilde and I enjoy this work.

Bodil writes later:

We lived on Tørringgaard until December 1, 1998 and sold the farm to two brothers who now have a dairy there. We moved to Boesvej 14 in Svejstrup Enge by Skanderborg. The place is 35 acres of land with half planted to Christmas trees. The rest is rented to a neighbor who raises grain. I now work as a nurse in Ry Kommune. I plan to retire when I am 60 and then enjoy life.

Gitte married Henrik Vestergaard May 25, 1996. They live on Henrik's farm which is in Gjern and raises hogs. Gitte works in the office at Tvillum-Scanbirk furniture factory. They have 2 children:

Jacob Vestergaard	born	March 9, 1998
Cecilie Vestergaard	born	July 27, 2000

Hanne is not married and lives in Silkeborg. She works in the kitchen at Sejs nursing home. Ole is not married and lives in Silkeborg. He attends school in Hammel.

Annemarie writes:

I was born on Harbogaard April 15, 1947. I went to Løjt school and after confirmation I worked at home. I went to Sundeved Youth School in 1962. I then worked as a maid for Pastor Andersen in Tinglev. A year later I work for Dr. Unna in Dybvighoved. I then wanted to try something else and worked in the kitchen at the camping school, Brenstoft by Rinkenaes. It was only open in the summer so I had to find another job. I then worked in the hotel and cafeteria in Løjt vacation home. I worked there three years. Then I was a house assistant and moved to Stolling with my finance Erik Schmidt. He was born January 1, 1937, the son of Martha and

Soren Schmidt, Sønder Sejerslev by Højer. We only lived in Stolling one year. When my parents, Albert and Astrid bought a house in Løjt, we moved to my old home on Harbogaard. We have a son:

Peter Michael Jørgensen born November 13, 1966

We know that we can only live here a few more years. Peter is out working on a farm and will later study at an agricultural school. It is planned that he will take over Harbogaard.

Annemarie tells later that she and Erik now live in Genner. She has had several jobs and now works for VUC. Erik has worked in Aabenraa at an automobile body shop. It is a busy place and even though Erik is semi-retired he is often called back to work.

Peter got married to Conny Jensen October 21, 1990. Conny was born May 12, 1970 the daughter of Birgit and Egon Jensen from Løjt. They have 2 children:

Margrethe Jørgensen born August 21, 1994
Henriette Jørgensen born May 7, 1996

Peter and Conny took over Harbogaard after Albert and Astrid in 1986. They built new barns and other buildings. It was sad in 1994 when there was a fire that destroyed the old farmhouse. They have built a new house a little east of the other buildings. The farm income has not always been the best, so Peter and Conny chose to seek other work. Now the buildings are empty and the land is rented out.

Peter works for Skadesservice (damage restoration service) in Rødekro. Conny has a bar and grill in Bolderslev which she now hopes to sell.

Henrik Holdt Jørgensen:

Henrik was born January 20, 1951 in Aabenraa hospital. He went to Bramsjergskolen in Aabenraa. After his confirmation, he was awarded an invalid pension and has always lived at home with Albert and Astrid. Here he helped do the farm work. He especially liked to drive the tractor. Through the years he has been on many trips to other countries and in his spare time he goes to norkleklubben (humanitarian organization) where he works with painting. He has a lot of cassette tapes he enjoys listening to while he enjoys a good cigar. What he enjoys the most is to attend all the many family fests. He moved to Aabenraa when Astrid died, but he bicycled to Løjt every day to visit his dad.

Botille Lauritzen and family:

Botille was born May 28, 1916. She went to Bodum school and was confirmed in Løjt church. In 1938 she married Albert Lauritzen, born September 16, 1912 the son of Christine and Lorenz Peter Lauritzen, Barsmark. They moved to a newly built farm on Bjergholdt. They have 2 children:



Christine Lauritzen born August 29, 1939
Svend Peter Lauritzen born July 31, 1942

Botille then got seriously ill and died of typhoid fever September 23, 1942 and Albert was left alone with two small children.

On December 15, 1945, Albert Lauritzen marries Margrethe Schmidt, born January 10, 1925, the daughter of Anne Margrethe and Christian Schmidt, Barsmark. They have 3 children:



Lorenz Lauritzen
born January 15, 1947

Margit Lauritzen
born January 30, 1948

Cecilie Lauritzen
born October 23, 1949

Botille and Albert

In 1985 Albert and Margrethe buy a house in Løjt. In 2002 they need more help and move to a care center in Løjt.



Margrethe and Albert

Christine writes:

I was born on Bjergholdt August 29, 1939. I went to Løjt School for 9 years and was confirmed in Løjt church by Pastor Hansen April 4, 1954. From 1955 to 1959 I worked in Bo Bojesen's bookstore in Aabenraa. I was at Borrehus Husholdingskole (home economics school) and later on a farm in Skovbolling by Haderslev. Then I worked on Frugtcentralen (fruit center) in Haderslev and then at Jydske Tidende (Journal) in Aabenraa.

On September 15, 1962 I married Magnus Hamann born June 21, 1940 the son of Karen and Magnus Hamann, Løjt Kirkeby. We built a house on Rundmøllevvej in Løjt in 1965. We started our own mason business in 1969. We have 3 children:

Kim Hamann	born	February 23, 1963
Lone Hamann	born	December 19, 1964
Tom Hamann	born	May 20, 1970

Kim is a mechanic but now works on Aabenraa Frysehus. He was living with Marianne Hybner, Aabenraa, but this relationship ended, but they had 2 children:

Mona Hamann	born	September 15, 1986
Tina Hamann	born	May 13, 1994

Lone was working in a bookstore but now is working in the office of Vitfoss in Graasten. Sven is a mechanic and works for Nordic Mast in Aabenraa. They live in Kværns and have 2 children:

Vibeke Kappel Eskildsen	born	July 6, 1992
Søren Kappel Eskildsen	born	November 11, 1995

Tom got married May 6, 2000 to Gitte Langschwager. Tom got his training in wholesale tools. He now works for DAPA in Rødekro. Gitte works as a social and health assistant at Sønderborg Hospital. Tom and Gitte now both use the name Langschwager Hamann. They live in Løjt Kirkeby and have a son.

Mike Langschwager Hamann	born	October 18, 1999
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Christine and Magnus had a mason business for 23 years. Because of a bad back, he retired early. He now spends his time with restoring old grey Ferguson tractors and they also raise birds.



Svend Peter, Christine,
Margit, Lorenz and Cecile

Svend Peter Lauritzen writes:

I was born on Bjergholdt July 31, 1942. I had to go school for 8 years because I started school when I was 6 and could not be confirmed until I was 14. My confirmation was with Pastor Hansen and right after that I went to work. The first 6 months, I worked half a week on Harbogaard and the other half week here at home. The next year I was a hired hand at Mathias Hansen at Skovbymark. Then I attended Sundeved Youth School for 5 months. After that I worked on different farms and also at the bull station for uncle Jes. In 1965 I went to Graasten Agricultural School. In 1970 I started to work for a construction firm. Most of their work was in Germany. I worked there 5 years. In 1975 I drove a milk truck for Central Mejeriet in Aabenraa. Then I worked at Løjt Møblefabrik. After 6 months I drove the milk truck again. The last few years I was lucky that I could drive on beautiful Løjtland.

August 1, 1984 I took over the farm on Bjergholdt after my parents moved to Løjt. I only raise hogs on the farm. I am also renting Uncle Peter's land and part of Johan Witt's land. All together I farm 70 tønder (acres). In 1985 I quit driving a milk truck to get a part time job on Løjt Møbelfabrik (furniture). April 16, 1987 I married Lone Andersen, born January 25, 1945, the daughter of Else and Poul Nicolai Poulsen from Kolding. Lone has a daughter from a previous marriage, Tina Burckard born January 7, 1965. Lone works 30 hours a week as a teacher's assistant in Aabenraa. Tine got her training in a bank and now works for SDS in Aarhus but will soon move to a job in Sønderborg.

Today Svend Peter drives a milk truck off and on. Lone is a foster parent and Tina is an office consultant for banks. She now lives in Farum with her boyfriend Frank Ivanhoe Nielsen.

Lorenz writes:

I was born January 15, 1947 and went to Løjt school and was confirmed in Løjt church. I married Inga Jepsen December 14, 1973. She was born May 26, 1947, the daughter of Christine and Jørgen Jepsen, from Bodum.

We built a house on my father-in-law's land, and later we took over their 50 tønder (acres) farm right beside our house. We then sold our house and built a new house on the farm and remodeled the rest. We have a herd of Herford cattle and I enjoy taking care of the farm in my spare time. I still drive around as a technician for a fork lift company. Inga got her training in an office and works in Sydbank's branch in Røde Kro. We have 2 children:

John Lauritzen	born	January 19, 1977
Mette Lauritzen	born	July 14, 1998

John works as a mechanic in Kosovo for Danish refuge help.

Mette had office training and works for Statoil in Padborg. She lives with Jimmy Madsen in Aabenraa. He received his training with sheet metal and works for the Danish Crown packing house in Blans.

Margit writes:

I was born January 30, 1948. I went to Løjt School and was confirmed in Løjt church. June 17, 1967, I married Carl Erik Paulsen, born September 6, 1942, the son of Anne Marie and Niels Eduard Paulsen, Aabenraa. I work for Hjordkær School and Carl Erik works at the Danish Crown packing plant in Blans. We live in Hjordkær and have 2 children:

Pia Paulsen	born	May 14, 1969
Kent Paulsen	born	April 22, 1972

Pia married Jan Hansen September 7, 1996. He got his training at Rødekro Kommune and now works for Post-Danmark in Aabenraa. They both now work for Post-Danmark.

Kent is trained as a sheet metal worker and work for Aabenraa Karosseri (body shop) factory. He lives in Hjordkær.

Cecilie writes:

I was born October 23, 1949. I went to school in Løjt and was confirmed in the Løjt church. August 14, 1971, I married Erling Poulsen and we have 3 children:

Rene Poulsen	born	May 18, 1973
Frank Poulsen	born	February 2, 1976
Mads Poulsen	born	July 8, 1981

My marriage to Erling dissolved in 1982.

Mads, the youngest son died from leukemia August 5, 1993. He was ill for 8 years.

May 11, 1996 I married Leif Fisker. Leif was born May 11, 1956, the son of Gunda Marie and Bertel Fisker from Rødekro. I work at the Center Kiosk in Røderko and Leif works at LM in Hammelev. They make wings for windmills. We live in Rødekro.

Rene owns the firm HP Smedie in Løjt together with a friend. She lives with Malene Sørensen, born May 8, 1974, daughter of Margith and Kaj Verner Sørensen, Løjt. Malene works for Aabenraa Kommue.

Frank also works for LM in Hammelev. He lives in Løjt.

Petrea Christine Ernst and family:

Petrea writes:

I was born on Harbogaard September 7, 1917 and had a good childhood there. I went to Bodum School with teacher Andersen for 7 years. I was confirmed in Løjt church by Pastor Nørballe. Then I stayed home for a few years. The summer of 1934, I was at Askov Sløjdscole (woodworking and handicraft school). I then worked as a maid in different places.



April 5, I married Boni Ernst, born October 8, 1912, the son of Katrine and Peter Ernst from Blansskov. Boni was a foreman on a farm in Stollig. We first lived on Bjergholdt and later on Løjt Vestermark. April 1, 1946, we bought a little farm in Løjt Skovby from Anne and Mathilde Sønnicksen. We have lived here since and have had a good life. We have 3 children:

Ejner Nikolaisen Ernst
born August 23, 1944
Ole Ernst
born August 8, 1947
Annette Ernst
born February 5, 1954



Petra and Boni

Petrea gets seriously ill and dies April 14, 1989. Her husband Boni later moves to Aabenraa and dies April 19, 1998.

Ejner writes:

After a little over a year on Løjt Vestermark, I spent my childhood in Skovby where I went to school for 7 years. First we have 3 years in the little class and then 4 years in the big class. After I finished my education, I started training in agricultural with jobs on different farms in Sønderjylland. I then went 5 months to Skamlingsbakkens Youth School. I was 16 months with the cavalry in Næstved and 9 months on Graasten Agricultural School. All in all it was an exciting and interesting time with competent and generous people at Uncle Jes's in Hjordkær. I was also a while on Rønshoved Højskole from 1966-67. Here I met Margit Eiler, born April 14, 1946, the daughter of Marie and Kresten Eiler from Ferup by Kolding. We were married February 20, 1971 and have 3 lovely children:

Jakob Eiler Ernst born September 1, 1971
Kristine Eiler Ernst born September 20, 1973
Helene Eiler Ernst born June 12, 1979

In 1985 we moved to Ferup to help Margit and Ejner. In 1976 we bought the farm Aggersbol together with Margit and Ejner and moved there. As Ejner has already told it was tough to make ends meet and in 1992 we chose to first sell the land and in 1998 we sold the buildings.

We then bought a house in Egholt, Kirsten has worked in the nursing home in Lunderskov and still does.

Ole first worked for a butcher for 1 1/2 years. Later he worked for a Epoke firm in Askov. They make snowplows and salt spreaders. Today Ole works for KFK, a drying plant at Alfax in Vonsild.

Henrik now also works at Epoke in Askov. He lives in Kolding with Susanne who is a social and health assistant.

Marianne got her job training as a kitchen manager and now works at Ladelund Youth School in Sydslesvig. She lives in Flensborg with Tim. He got his training as a truss maker. Now he is currently in the army. He hopes to attend a machine technical school, but his big dream is to go sailing.

Martin and Morten, the twins are at Skibelund Youth School.

players and Jørgen is also a teacher and instructor.

Annette writes:

I was born February 5, 1954. Like Ole, I went the first 3 years in Skovby School. Then I went to Løjt School where I graduated in 1971. I then trained as a technical assistant. In the fall of 1973, I started at Harbjerg concrete firm in Borup. I worked there until January 1976 and then came to Rudebeck and Vortman Aps in Padborg. I still work there. Luckily we are always busy.

September 25, 1976, I married Hans Jørgen Kellner. He is from Harreslev in Sydslesvig and works in a sport shop in Padborg. In September, he starts a job at Sydslesvig Danish Youth Organization in Flensborg. We live in a house in Froslev. We don't have any children. In our spare time we enjoy sports. We are both handball players and Jørgen is also a teacher and instructor.



Annette

Annette writes later:

They chose to dissolve their marriage as they didn't see each other very often. Annette still works at the same place. She has now sold the house and lives in an apartment in Padborg.

