

## - THE STORY OF THE SUNDSTED FAMILY -

Kort  
over  
DEN SONDRE DEEL  
af  
HJØRRING AMT  
eller Herrederne

Borghum .... 1.  
Hvelbo ..... 2.  
Øster Han .... 3.

1895.



**1825 Map of western VENDSYSSEL - HJØRRING AMT -  
the town of VRENSTED**





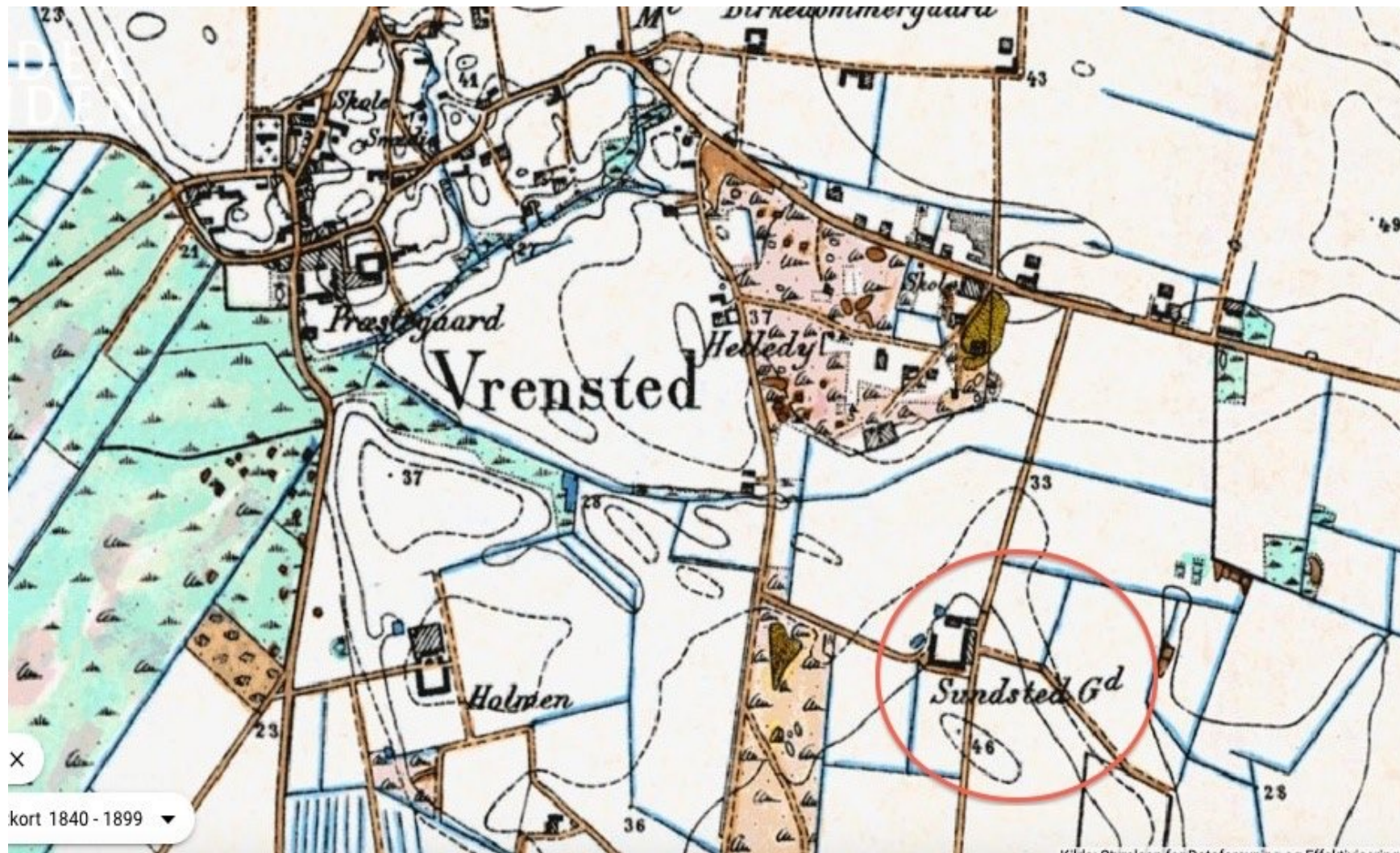


**INGSTRUP - VRENSTED - SUNDSTED - TOLSTRUP - POULSTRUP 1825**



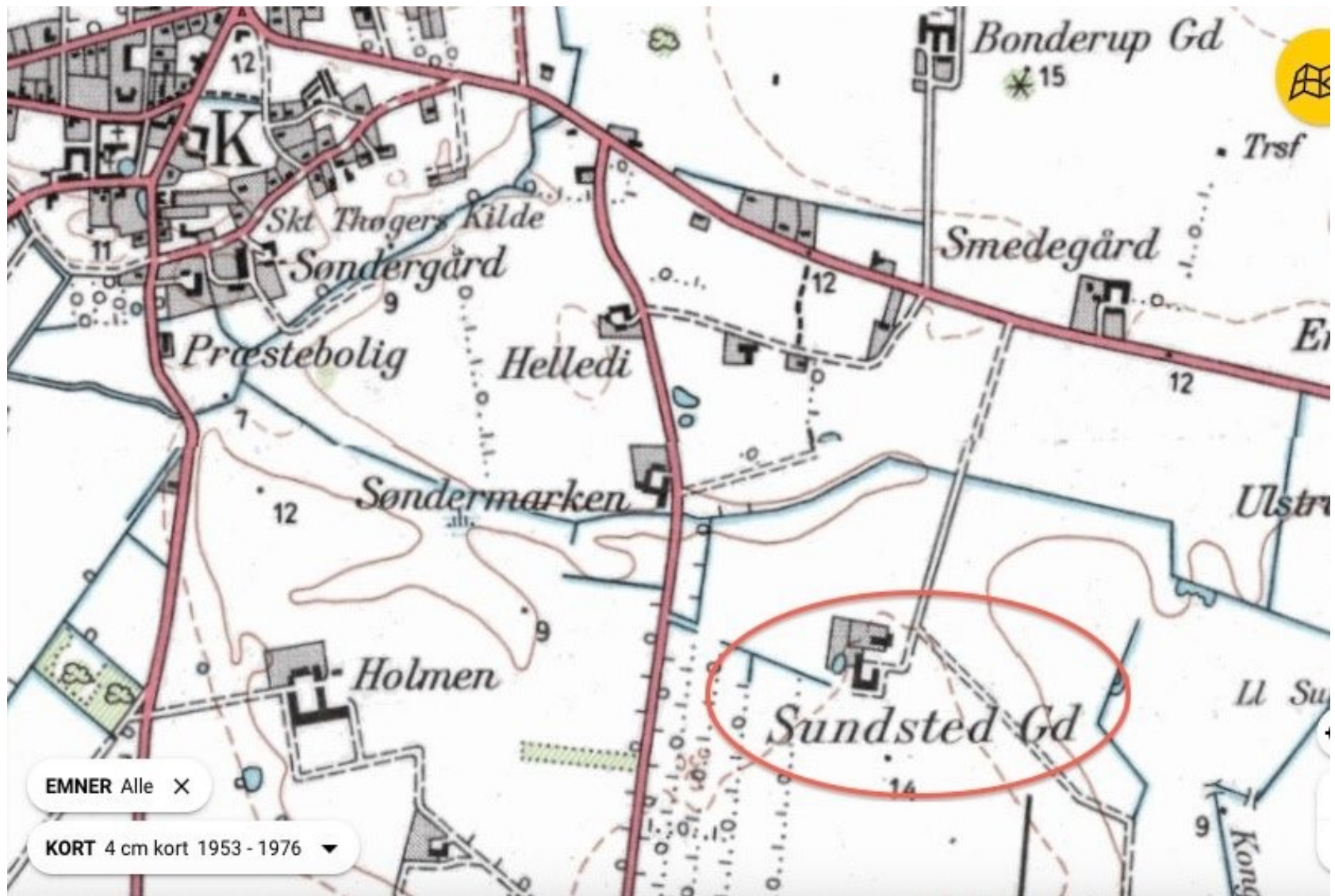
# VRENSTED - the family farm - SUNDSTEDGAARD

(map 1840-1899)





## - SUNDSTEDGAARD - (map 1953-1976)





# THE FIRST OWNERS OF SUNDSTEDGARD



## **CHRISTEN (Chresten) KNUDSEN SUNDSTED (1793-1876)**

*(Born 15 Sept. 1793, Thise – died 6  
July 1866, Vrensted).*

## **ANE MARIE (Chrestensdatter) KNUDSEN SUNDSTED (1810-1856)**

*(Born 4 June 1810 on Vestergaard in  
Faarup – died 28 August 1856 in  
Vrensted.)*

They married in Saltum, 19 Oct. 1838.  
(He was 45, she was 28 years old.)  
No photographs exist.



## VRENSTED CHURCH - BAPTISMAL FONT



Christen and his wife, Anne Marie lived on the farm, **Sundstedgaard** from 1839.

Their five children: **A-1. Ane Kathrine, B-2. Knud, C-3. Kristiane, D-4. Mette Kirstine and E-5. Chresten**, were baptised in Vrensted Church.

The mother Ane Marie, died in 1856, 46 years old, after 18 years of marriage. The father, Christen Knudsen Sundsted was 61 years old.

The family's oldest child, the daughter Ane Kathrine was 17 years old. The oldest son, Knud was 16. The youngest child, Chresten, was only 2 years old.

Christen Knudsen Sundsted did not remarry, but lived on the farm with his children. He died, 72 years old, in 1866.



**A-1. ANE KATHRINE CHRISTENS DATTER  
(1839-1914)**

**ANE KATHRINE SØRENSEN**

*(Gitta Bechshøft's great grandmother's mother)*

*(Born 16 May 1839, in Vrensted –  
Died 6 October 1914 in Aalborg.)*

On 26 March 1867 (a year after her father died), Ane Kathrine married **Thomas Christian Sørensen** (1836-1876) in Vrensted.

They had 4 children, all born in Nr. Sundby: **Christen Severin** 1868, **Søren Theodor** 1870 and **Anne Marie** 1872. (Their last child, Antine, not on picture, died 6 years old.)

In 1878, after her 1st. husband's death, Ane Kathrine married her 2nd. husband: **Knud Sørensen** (1842-1910)

(Photo: Chr. Jepsen Møllegade 511. Aalborg)





# THOMAS CHRISTIAN SØRENSEN (1836-1876)

*(Gitta Bechshøft's great grandfather's father)*

## THOMAS CHRISTIAN SØRENSEN

*(Born 8 April 1836, in Vrensted -  
died 21 October 1876, in Nr.  
Sundby)*

Father: **SØREN NIELSEN**

*(b.1808, in Stenum - d.1883, in Vrensted)*

Mother: **ANE THOMASDATTER**

*(b.1812 in Vrensted - d.1886, in Vrensted)*

Ane Kathrine Christensdatter and Thomas Sørensen married in Vrensted, 26 March 1867. They lived in the town of Nr. Sundby where they owned a clothing store.

They had 4 children:

**Christen Severin, Søren Theodor, Anne Marie,** and **Antine**, (who died 6 years old).

(Photo: H. Tønnies, Aalborg)





**CHRISTEN SEVERIN  
SØRENSEN (1868-1933)**

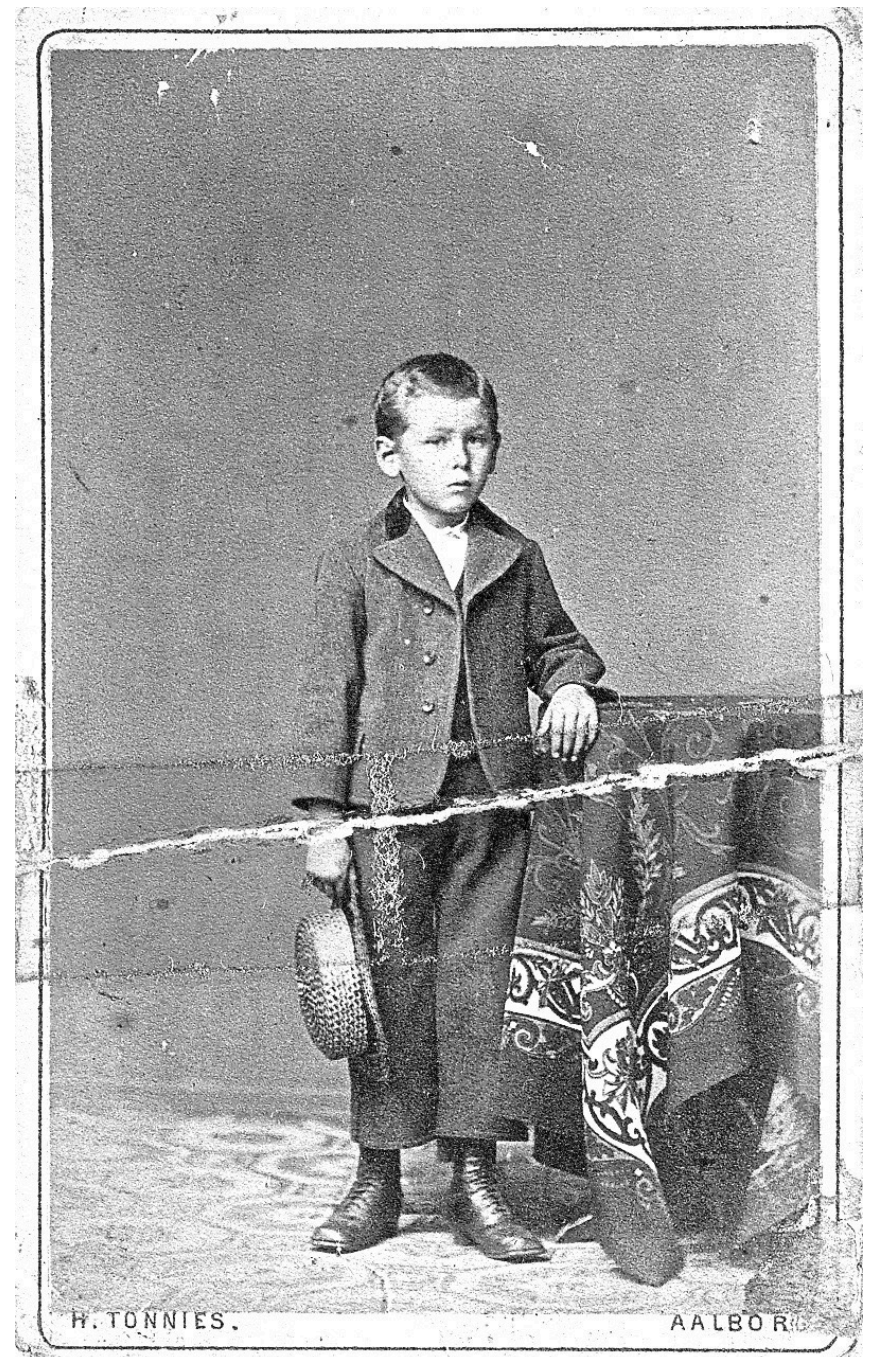
**Eldest son of Ane Kathrine and  
Thomas Sørensen**

*(Gitta Bechshøft's great grandfather)*

**CHRISTEN SEVERIN  
SØRENSEN**

*(Born 29 March 1868, in Nr.  
Sundby - died 18 Nov. 1933, in  
Copenhagen)*

Portrait photo taken at the very  
popular studio H. Tønnies in the  
town of Aalborg.



**CHRISTEN SEVERIN SØRENSEN (1868-1933)**  
**Eldest son of Ane Kathrine and Thomas Sørensen**



**CHRISTEN SEVERIN  
SØRENSEN**

*(Gitta Bechshøft's great grandfather)*

*(Born 29 March 1868, Nr. Sundby  
- died 18 Nov. 1933, Copenhagen)*

Married 31 January 1896, in Nr.  
Sundby to:

**ANNA MARIA STRAUSS**

*(Born 20 Nov. 1877, Eisenach,  
Saxen-Weimar. Germany - died 29  
September 1964, in Copenhagen)*

They had 6 children: 4 born in Nr. Sundby,  
and 2 born in Copenhagen. (The family name  
was changed to Stenbo i 1910.)



**ANNE MARIE SØRENSEN (1872-1962)**  
**younger daughter of Ane Kathrine and Thomas Sørensen**

**ANNE MARIE SØRENSEN**

*(Born 17 June 1872, in Nr. Sundby  
- died 1962, in Ålborg)*

Married in Nr. Sundby to:

**NIELS JENSEN**

*(Born 9 June 1860, in Vejle - died  
5 October 1916, in Aalborg)*

Niels Jensen and Anne Marie owned a haberdashery on Adelgade in Aalborg. They had no children. They adopted two children from Niels Jensens family.





**FAMILY OF A-1. ANE KATHRINE SØRENSEN - Nr. Sundby - 1906**

Back from Left: 1. daughter, Anne Marie Sørensen and husband Niels Jensen, Front: sitting from left: 1. Anna Marie Jensen and husband younger son, Søren Theodor Sørensen. Anna Maria Strauss married to eldest son, Christen Severin Sørensen, (standing behind her).





**Chresten Severin Sørensen & Anna Maria Strauss**

*(Gitta Bechshøft's great grandparents)*

**Christen Severin Sørensen:** (b. 29 March 1868, Nr. Sundby – d. 18 Nov. 1933  
Copenhagen.) Married 31 January 1896 to **Anna Maria Strauss:**  
(b. 20 Nov. 1877, Eisenach, Saxen-Weimar – d. 29 September 1964, Copenhagen.)

# EDITH SOPHIE KATHRINE SØRENSEN STENBO (1896-1988)

*(Gitta Bechshøft's grandmother)*

**L: her father's sister, Anne Marie (1872-1962) R: her mother, Anna Maria (1877-1964)**



## CHRISTEN SEVERIN & ANNA MARIA SØRENSEN

**6 children: 4 born in Nr. Sundby & 2 born in Cph.**

**1. EDITH SOPHIE KATHRINE:** (1896-1988)

(b. June 1896, Nr. Sundby - d. 29 June 1988, Cph..)

**2. ELSE AUGUSTA EMMA ANNA:** (1898-1997)

(b. 25 August 1898, Nr. Sundby - d. 23 March 1997, Cph.)

**3. THOMAS KNUD GUSTAV:** (1900-1966)

(b. 15 April 1900 Nr. Sundby. - d. 4 January 1966, USA.) Emigrated 1922.

**4. GERDA :** (1901-1990)

(b. 17 Nov. 1901. Nr. Sundby - d. 21 Sept. 1990. Cph.)

**5. INGER :** (1910-1969)

(b. 24 July 1910, Cph. - d. 21 June 1969. Cph.)

**6. KAJ:** (1913-1996)

(b. 19 May 1913. Cph. - d. 24. Oct. 1996. Cph.)



**EDITH SOPHIE KATHRINE, with sisters GERDA and ELSE 1909?**

Visiting their grandmother, Ane Kathrine Sørensen in Vestergade, Nr. Sundby



**VESTERGADE 10, Nr. SUNDBY - ANE KATHRINE & KNUD SØRENSEN  
SILVER WEDDING - 1906**



R-L: **A-1. Ane Kathrine Sørensen** & her second husband, **Knud Sørensen**. Knud's brother, Christen ("Kræn") Sørensen Sloth. Woman with scarf, "Kræn" Sloth's wife?



**A-1. ANE KATHRINE SØRENSEN (1839 - 1914)  
& her 2<sup>nd</sup>. husband, KNUD SØRENSEN (1842 - 1910)**



**Silver wedding day: November 20, 1906 - Vestergade 10. Nr. Sundby**

F-L: **ANE KIRSTINE SØRENSEN**, (woman with a child), son, **CHRESTEN SEVERIN SØRENSEN** with her granddaughter, **GERDA**. B-L: his wife, **ANNA MARIA SØRENSEN**, granddaughter **EDITH**, (husband of woman with child) son, **SØREN THEODOR SØRENSEN**.



**Family group picture - Courtyard Vestergade 10,  
Nr. Sundby 1909/10**



**B-2. KNUD CHRISTENSEN  
SUNDSTED (1840 - 1911)**

**DENMARK 1871**

Couple to the left:

**B-2. Knud Christensen  
Sundsted** (1840-1911)

Knuds sister:

**Mette Kirstine "Stine"  
Sundsted** (1848-1919)

Couple to the right:

**Karen Eriksen** (1848-  
1898) Knuds (fiancé)

Karens brother, Jens  
Christian Eriksen. (1853-  
1931)

(Karens youger sister, Edel Elsine  
Eriksen 1851-1880. married  
Knuds younger brother, Christen  
Christensen Sundsted.)



## **B-2. KNUD CHRISTENSEN SUNDSTED (1840-1911) & KAREN ERIKSEN (1848-1898)**

### **KNUD CHRISTENSEN SUNDSTED**

*(Born 11 April 1840, in  
Vrensted - died 12 Nov. 1911  
in Dagmar, Montana. USA)*

In 1871 Knud, 31 years old,  
married his first wife, aged 23:

### **KAREN ERIKSEN**

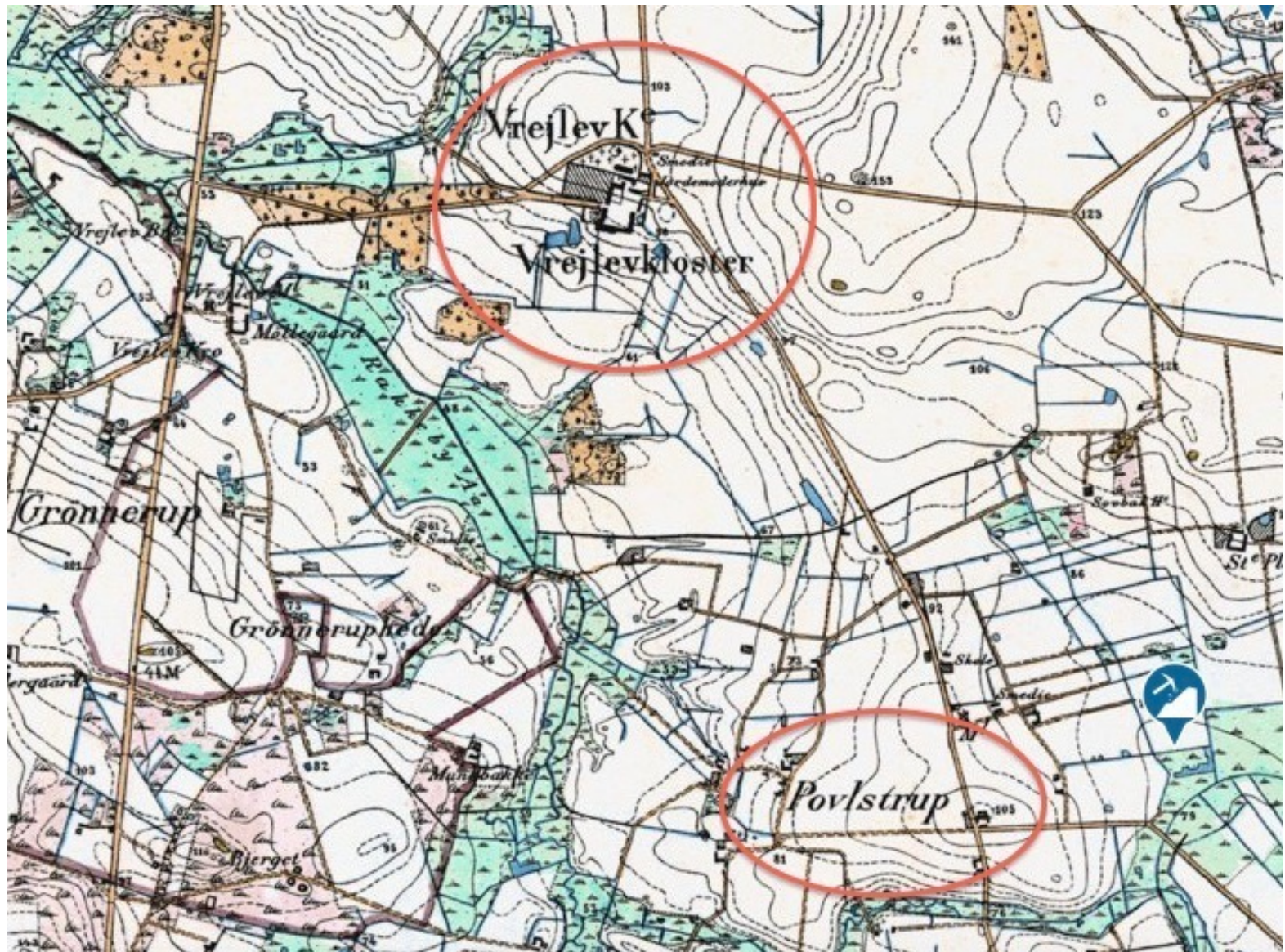
*(Born 18 December 1848, in  
Ingstrup, - died 2 June 1898,  
in Ajstrup. (Buried in Ugilt  
cemetery, Vennebjerg Herred)*

They had 9 children.  
(two died young)





## VREJLEV - POULSTRUP (MAP 1840-1899)





**B-2. KNUD AND KAREN CHRISTENSEN SUNDSTED's FARM in POULSTRUP**



Drawing by their daughter **Anna Christensen Sundsted**. (1877-1949).  
Sent to her family in America. Made a few years before she died.



## **B-2. Knud and Karen Christensen Sundsted's first two children**



### **Son: Christen (1872 - 1872):**

*Born 13 January 1872, in Nørre Søndergaard, Karens family home in Ingstrup parish. Baptised, 21 February, Ingstrup.*

*Died 9 march 1872, in Nørre Søndergaard, Ingstrup. Buried 17 March 1872 Ingstrup.*

### **Daughter: Erikke Johanne Katrine (1872 - 1893):**

*Born 31 Dec. 1872, Poulstrup, Vrejlev parish. Baptised, 3 March 1873, Poulstrup. Vrejlev parish.*

*Died 16 January 1893, Ajstrup, Ugilt Parish. (Aged 19 years old)*

**B-2. KNUD AND KAREN CHRISTENSEN SUNDSTED & CHILDREN 1893**





## **B-2. KNUD and KAREN CHRISTENSEN SUNDSTED**

with their 7 children born in Poulstrup.



### **Back from left:**

**ANTON:** *b. 20 March 1882 / d. 11 March 1964, Dagmar, Sheridan, MT.*

**ANNA:** *b. 24 Sept. 1877 / d. 22 Dec. 1949. Ugilt, Vennebjerg Herred, DK*

**ERIK:** *b. 27 March 1880 / d. 20 April 1971 Plentywood, Sheridan, MT.*

**CHRISTEN** ("Chris"): *b. 10 Sept. 1875 / d. 5 Sept. 1951, Racine. WI.*

### **Middle - standing between her parents:**

**MARIE MAGDALENE:** *b. 2 April 1886 / d. 1971, Plentywood, Sheridan, MT.*

### **Middle - sitting between his parents:**

**THOMAS:** *b. 25 Sept. 1889 / d. 16 Oct. 1964, Plentywood, Sheridan, MT.*

### **Front, sitting:**

**ELSINE KATHERINE:** *b. 24 July 1887 / d. 25 Feb. 1976, Plentywood, Sheridan, MT.*



**TOMBSTONE. Ugilt, Vennebjerg  
Herred. Vendsyssel. Denmark.**

**JOHANNE SUNDSTED**

*Erikke Johanne Kathrine*

*Born 31 December 1872, Poulstrup, Vrejlev  
parish - d. 16 January 1893, Ajstrup, Ugilt  
Parish.*

**KAREN KRISTENSEN SUNDSTED**

*Born Eriksen, 18 December 1848, Ingstrup -  
died 2 June 1898, Ajstrup, Ugilt parish.*

*Buried 8 June 1898.*

**ANNA SUNDSTED**

*Born 24 September 1877, Poulstrup, Vrejlev  
sogn - died 22 December 1949, Ajstrup, Ugilt  
parish.*

**TAK FOR EDERES KÆRLIGHED**

Thank you for your love



**JENS CHRISTIAN ERIKSEN (1853-1931) & ANINE (1874-1953)**  
**Photographed in 1929 in Denmark**

When **Karen Kristensen Sundsted** died in 1898 at the age of 50, leaving 7 young children behind, Karen's and Knud's youngest son, **Thomas Sundsted** (1889-1964) was taken into custody by her 45year old brother, **Jens Christian** and his 2nd. wife, 24year old **Anine**.

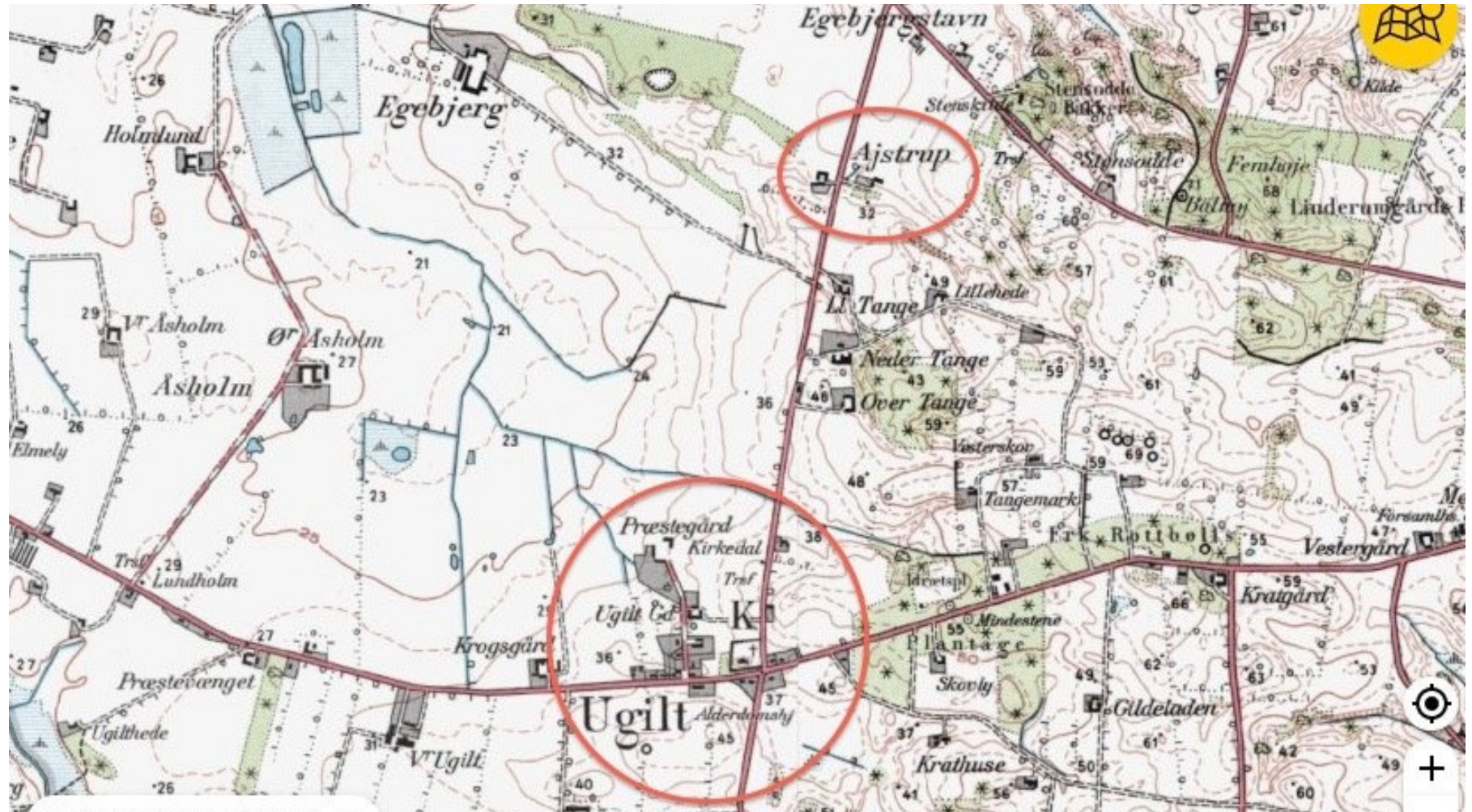
At the age of 16 Thomas Sundsted emigrated to USA together with his older brothers and sisters:

*Erik, Anton, Christen, Marie Magdalene and Elsie Kathrine.*

In 1916 Thomas married **Carolyn Ella Johnson**, (1896-1993). They had 7 children.



## CHURCH and Cemetery in UGILT, house in AJSTRUP





**ANNA (Ane) SUNDSTED**  
**(1877 – 1949)**  
**daughter of B-2. Knud**  
**Christensen Sundsted**

**Anna (Ane) Christensen**  
**Sundsted**

Born 24 Sept. 1877, Poulstrup, Vrejlev  
parish. Baptised 20 January 1878,  
Vrejlev church.

Died 22 December 1949, Ajstrup, Ugilt  
Parish. (Photo of tombstone.)

**Anna did not emigrate**

But she kept close contact with her  
family in the US and visited them  
on several occasions. (See photos  
from Montana)

Anna became a schoolteacher in  
Denmark and lived in Ajstrup. She  
never married.

(Photo: Kirstine Lund. Hjørring)



**ANNA SUNDSTED (1877-1949) - Daughter of B-2. Knud  
Christensen Sundsted**





**A-1. Ane Kathrine Sørensen (1839-1914) with her niece Anna (1877 -1949), daughter of her brother, B-2. Knud Christensen Sundsted (1840-1911)**



**A-1. Ane Kathrine Sørensen**, (born Christens datter) sitting in the garden at her daughter's home "Solbakken" in Hasseris, Aalborg.

Standing next to her is **Anna Christensen Sundsted**, daughter of Ane Kathrine Sørensens brother,

**B-2. Knud Christensen Sundsted.**

In 1910, after Ane Kathrines second husband, Knud Sørensen died, the old woman lived with her **daughter, Anne Marie**, and her son-in-law, Niels Jensen, until her death in 1914.

**CHRISTEN "Chris" KNUDSEN  
SUNDSTED  
(1875 -1951)**

**Christen, "Chris" Knudsen  
Sundsted (1875-1951)**

Son of B-2  
Knud & Karen Sundsted.

Born 10 Sept. 1875, in Poulstrup,  
Vrejlev parish.

Baptised, 9 January 1876.

Died, 5 Sept. 1951, Racine, WI.  
Emigrated to USA 1901

(Photo: C.A. Zehngraf Aalborg)





**CHRISTEN “Chris”  
KNUDSEN SUNDSTED  
(1875 -1951)**

**Christen, “Chris” Sundsted, son  
of B2 Knud & Karen Sundsted.**

Born 10 Sept. 1875, in  
Poulstrup, Vrejlev parish.  
Baptised, 9 January 1876. Died,  
5 Sept. 1951, Racine, WI.

Chris Sundsted in uniform. Served  
as regular soldier in the Danish  
army around 1892?

**Emigrated to USA 1901 (1902?)**

Married in Racine, WC to  
Martine Olsen, born 1887 in  
Denmark. Emigrated 1908.

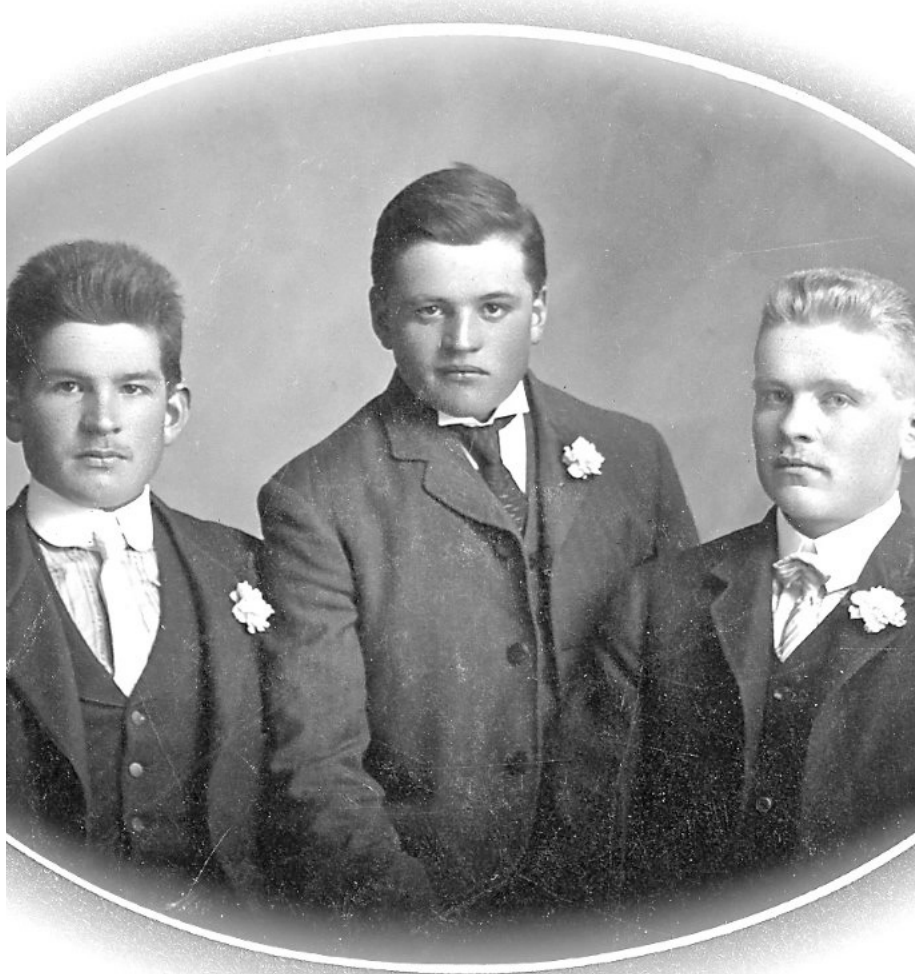
*Photo: Copenhagen Studio N. P. Nielsen –  
Dronningens Tvergade 33. Hj. af Borgergade.*



*N. P. Nielsen*

*Dronningens Tvergade 33.  
Hj. af Borgergade.*

## **ANTON, ERIK & CHRIS - Sons of B-2. Knud & Karen Sundsted**



### **Anton Christensen Sundsted**

Born 20 March 1882, Poulstrup, Vrejlev parish. Baptised, 29 oct. 1882 Vrejlev.

Died, 11 March 1964, Dagmar Sheridan MT.

**Emigrated to USA 1906**

### **Erik Christensen Sundsted**

Born 27 March 1880, Poulstrup, Vrejlev Parish. Baptised, 9 May 1880. Died, 20 April 1971, Plentywood MT.

**Emigrated to USA 1906**

### **Christen ("Chris") Knudsen Sundsted**

Born 10 Sept. 1875, Poulstrup, Vrejlev parish. Baptised, 9 January 1876. Died, 5 Sept. 1951, Racine, WI

**Emigrated to USA 1901 (1902?)**



**MARIE MAGDALENE SUNDSTED**  
**(1886 - 1971)**

**Daughter of B-2. Knud Christensen  
Sundsted**

**Marie Magdalene "Aunt Marie"  
Christensen Sundsted (Poulsen)**

*Born 2 April 1886, Poulstrup, Vrejlev  
parish. Baptised, 11 May 1886). Died  
1 February 1971 Sheridan, Montana.*

**Emigrated to USA 1906, 20 years old**

After her mother, Karen died in  
1898, Marie (by then 12 years old)  
was taken in by her fathers younger  
sister, C-3. Christiane Jensen, "Aunt  
Christiana" (Tante Jane") (1843-  
1921). Christiana was 55 years old  
and lived with her husband on their  
farm in Vrensted.

*(Photo: Atelier Moderne, Nr. Sundby. Østergade 1.)*

*Atelier Moderne* ØSTERGADE 1.  
NORRE SUNDBY

**ELSINE KATHRINE CHRISTENSEN  
SUNDSTED (1887-1976)**

**Daughter of B-2. Knud Christensen Sundsted**

**Elsine Katrine "Aunt Katherine"  
Christensen Sundsted (Kaae)**

*Born 24 July 1887, Poulstrup, Vrejlev  
parish. Baptised 24 September 1887.*

*Died 25 February 1976 Plentywood,  
Sheridan, Montana.*

**Emigrated to USA 1906, 18 years old.**

After her mother, Karen died in 1898,  
Katrine, (by then 11 years old) was taken in  
by her father, Knud Sundsted's older sister  
**A-1. Ane Kathrine Sørensen** (1839-1914).  
Aunt Ane Kathrine was 59 years old and  
lived in Nr. Sundby.

*(Photo: Atelier Moderne, Nr. Sundby. Østergade 1.)*



*Atelier Moderne*  
NØRRE SUNDBY ØSTERGADE 1.



### **C-3. KRISTIANE CHRISTENSDATTER (1843-1921)**



#### **Kristiane Christensdatter “Aunt Christiana” (“Tante Jane”)**

*(Born 20 April 1843, in Vrensted. Died 18 May 1921, in Nr. Sundby, Denmark.)*

First marriage: Peder Christensen, breadcart driver in Nørre Sundby. Second marriage: Thomas Poulsen, farmer in Vrensted. Third marriage: Jens Jensen, farmer in Vrensted.

Christiane had no children of her own, but she took care of the young children left in her care by her brother Knud Sundsted, (B-2.) and her sister, Mette Kirstine Sundsted (D-4.) until their children were old enough to join their parents who had emigrated to America to begin a new life.



**C-3. KRISTIANE  
CHRISTENSDATTER & PEDER  
CHRISTENSEN**

**KRISTIANE  
CHRISTENSDATTER  
(1843-1921)**

*(Born 20 April 1843, in Vrensted.  
Died 18 May 1921, in Nr. Sundby,  
Denmark. )*

With her first husband  
Peder Christensen,  
breadcart driver in Nr.  
Sundby

(Photo: H. Tønnies. Aalborg)





**C-3. Kristiane  
Christensdatter &  
Thomas Poulsen**

**KRISTIANE CHRISTENSDATTER  
(1843-1921)**

*(Born 20 April 1843, in Vrensted. Died 18  
May 1921, in Nr. Sundby, Denmark. )*

“Aunt Christiana” (“Tante Jane”) and  
her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband, farmer Thomas  
Poulsen were a very openhearted and  
generous couple.

Her older sister, Ane Kathrine’s  
Danish nieces and nephews enjoyed  
their visits on her and her husbands  
farm in Vrensted, and often stayed  
with them for several weeks on their  
vacations.

*(They lived in Copenhagen from 1903)*

(Photo: Anine Jensen. Brønderslev)



### **C-3. Kristiane Christensdatter & Thomas Poulsen**



**C-3. Kristiane Christensdatter**, “Aunt Christiana” (“Tante Jane”) and her 2<sup>nd</sup> Husband, Thomas Poulsen. (*Photo: Frederikke Federspiel. Aalborg*)



**C-3. KRISTIANE  
CHRISTENSDATTER &  
JENS JENSEN**

**C-3. KRISTIANE CHRISTENS  
DATTER (1843-1921)**

Born 20 April 1843, in  
Vrensted. Died 18 May 1921,  
in Nr. Sundby, Denmark.

“Aunt Christiana” (“Tante  
Jane”) and her 3rd. Husband,  
Farmer Jens Jensen from  
Vrensted.

(Photo: Frederikke Federspiel.  
Aalborg)



### **C-3. KRISTIANE CHRISTENSDATTER (1843-1921)**



#### **KRISTIANE JENSEN “Aunt Christiana” – “Tante Jane”**

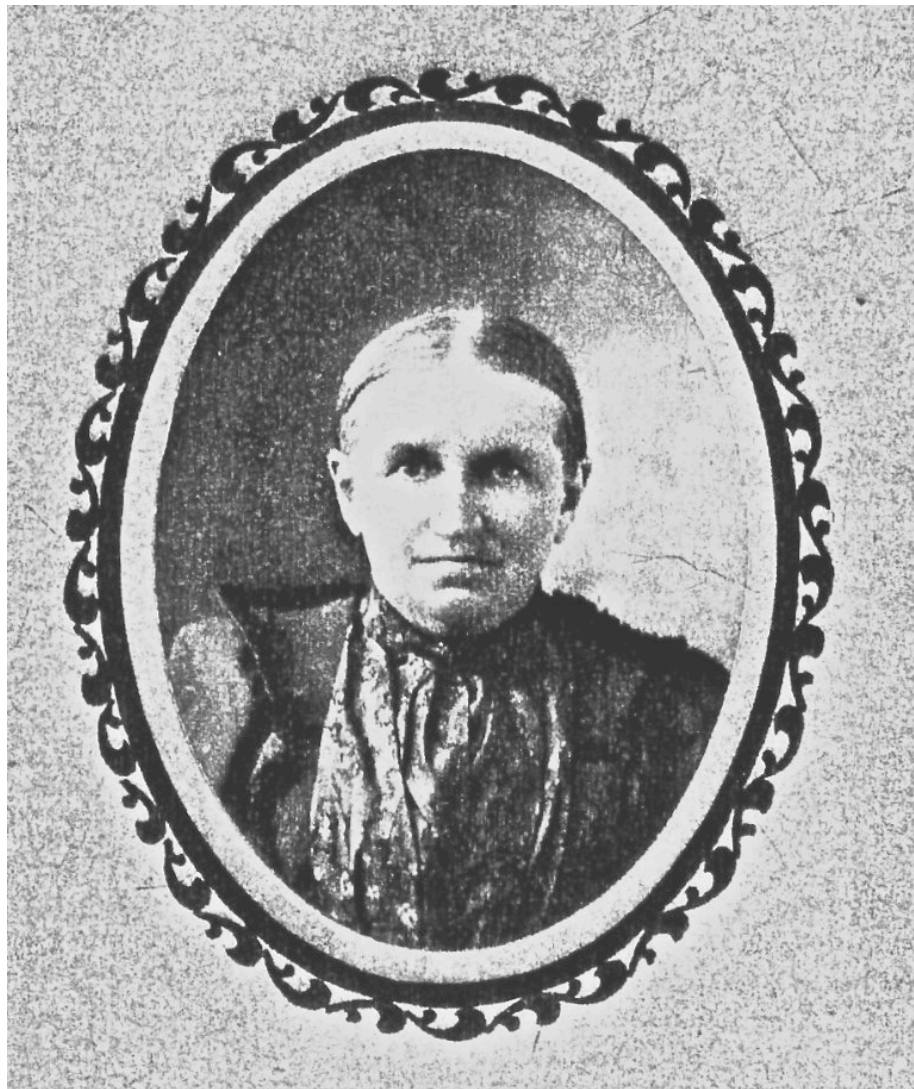
*(Born 20 April 1843, in Vrensted.  
Died 18 May 1921, in Nr. Sundby,  
Denmark. )*

Portrait of C-3, Kristiane Jensen  
as an older woman.

In Denmark she was called “tante  
Jane” by her sister Ane  
Kathrine’s grandchildren, and in  
America she was known as “Aunt  
Christiana” by the family  
members of her elder brother  
Knud Sundsted, (B-2.) and her  
sister Mette Kirstine Sundsted  
(Pedersen), (D-4.)



## **D-4. METTE KIRSTINE CHRISTENSDATTER (1848-1919)**



### **METTE KIRSTINE ("Stinne") PEDERSEN**

Born 22 January 1848, Vrensted.  
Died 7 July 1919 in Harlan, Iowa.

**Emigrated to USA 1880, 32 years  
old.**

married to:

### **PEDER KRISTIAN PEDERSEN**

Born 14 February 1855 Jetsmark,  
Denmark. Died 26 March 1923, in  
Harlan, Iowa.

Peder Christian Pedersen emigrated a  
year before his wife Mette, who arrived  
in 1880.

They had 3 children: two born in  
Denmark, one born in USA.

## CHRISTIAN, THOMAS & MARY Peterson / Pedersen

Children of D-4. **Mette Kristine "Stine" Christensdatter** (1848-1919) and husband **Peder Christian Pedersen (Peterson)** (1855-1923)

Standing left:

**Christian Peterson, "Little Chris",**  
born in Nr. Sundby, 24 January 1878 -  
died 12 July 1925, in Washington D.C.  
USA).

Standing right:

**Mary Peterson,** (Muton, Mc. Leod)  
born in Iowa, USA

Sitting front:

**Thomas Christian Peterson**  
(Born in Nr. Sundby, 13 June 1879 -  
died 25 April 1947 Omaha, Nebraska).

(Photo: Millers Studio, Elk Horn. Iowa)



*Miller's Studio,*

Elk Horn, Ia.



**D-4. Mette “Stinne” Kirstine Christensdatter  
and her two children: Chris, born 1878 &  
Thomas, born 1880**

**D-4. METTE “Stinne” KIRSTINE PEDERSEN  
(Peterson) 1848-1919**

Her first son, **Christian “Little Chris” Pedersen** was born 24 January 1878 in Nr. Sundby. Denmark.

Christian was two years in 1880, when his mother, Mette Kristine Pedersen, emigrated from Hamburg to America with his baby brother, **Thomas Peterson**. (born 1879)

“Little Chris” was left in the care of his mother’s older sister, **C-3. Kristiane Christensdatter**, “Aunt Kristiana” (“Tante Jane”) on her and her husband Thomas Poulsens farm in Vrensted. She was then 37 years old.

Ten years later, in 1890 when he was about 12 years old, “Little Chris” emigrated to America with his uncle, C.C. Sundsted, (“Maggie’s” father) his second wife, Ane Marie and their 3 children: Edel Elsiné (1885) Anne Marie (1887) and Thomas (1890)

(Photo: H. Tønnies. Aalborg)





## **MAGDALENE "Maggie" & her cousin "LITTLE CHRIS"**

### **MAGDALENE, "Maggie" SUNDSTED**

Daughter of E-5. Chris, "C.C. Sundsted" and his first wife, Edel Elsin Eriksen.

Born 28 October 1879, in Vrensted. Died 27 June 1949, Plentywood Montana.

Since her mother's death in 1880, "Maggie" had been living with her father's sister, C-3. "Aunt Christiane", on her farm in Vrensted.

Her cousin, Christian, "Little Chris" Pedersen, (born January 24, 1878), son of her father's sister, D-4. Mette, "Stinne", also lived on Aunt Christiane's farm in Vrensted.

The two young cousins were brought up as brother and sister.

### **EMIGRATED TO USA, 1890**

Both children emigrated in 1890 to America with "Maggie's" father, C.C. Sundsted, his second wife, Ane Marie and their 3 children, Ane Marie (1885), her sister, Edel Elsin (1887) and their baby brother, Thomas (1890).





## CHRISTIAN "LITTLE CHRIS" and his cousin, SØREN THEODOR

**Christian "Little Chris" Pedersen,**  
(born in Nr. Sundby January 24, 1878).

Son of Metta "Stinne" and Peder Christian Pedersen.

In 1880, two years old, he came to live with his mother's older sister, "Aunt Kristiana", **C-3. Christiane Jensen**, on her farm in Vrensted.

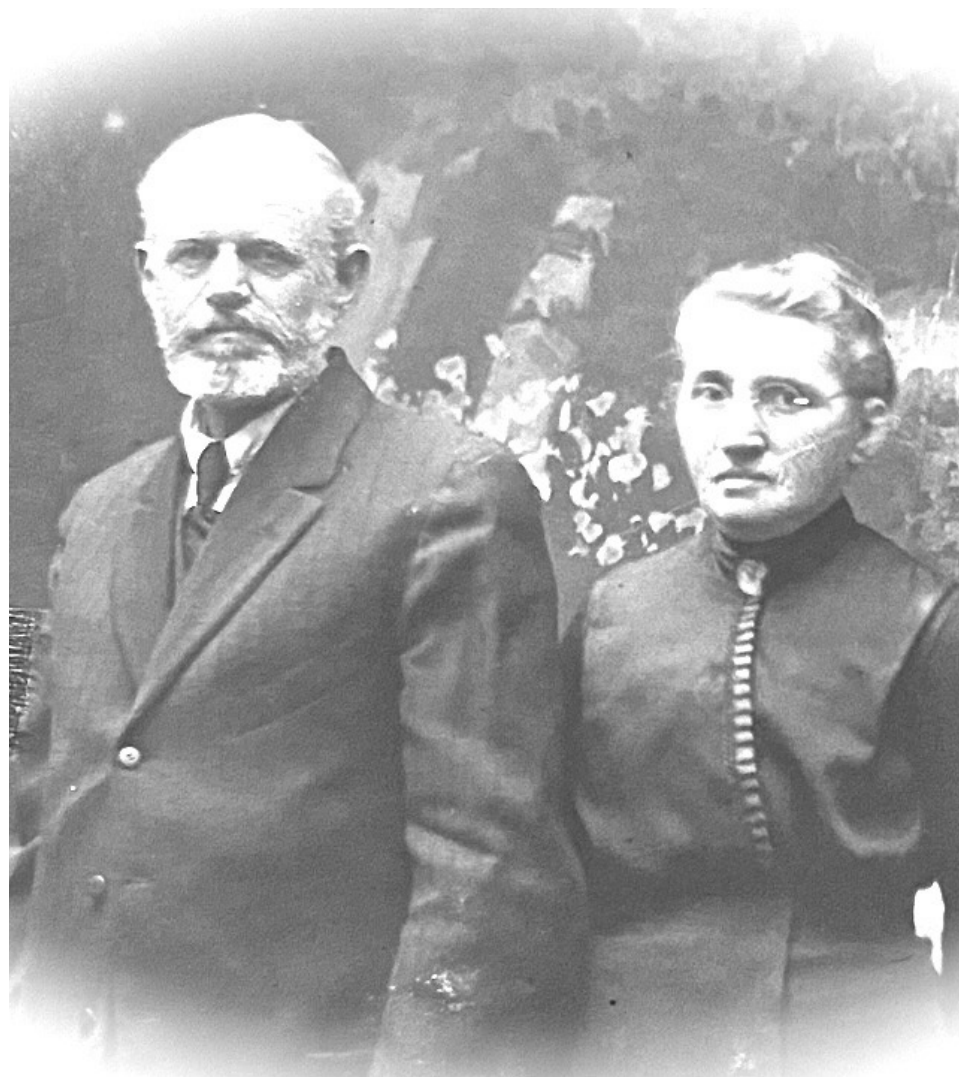
Earlier that same year, his one-year younger cousin, **"Maggie"**, (born Oct. 28, 1879), daughter of his mother's widowed brother, E-5. Christen "Chris" (C.C.) Sundsted, had also come to live with her father's older sister, **C-3. "Aunt Christiana"**.

The boy standing next to "Little Chris", could be his cousin, the 7 year older, **Søren Theodor Sørensen** (born 19 April 1870), son of his mother Mette's older sister in Nr. Sundby. A-1. **Ane Kathrine Sørensen**.

(Photo: H. Tønnies Aalborg)



**E-5. CHRISTEN C.C. CHRISTENSEN SUNDSTED**  
**(1854 - 1921)**



**CHRISTEN "Chris" C.C. SUNDSTED**

*(Born 24 January 1854, in Vrensted  
- died 14 June 1921 in Dagmar,  
Montana USA)*

Married first time in Ingstrup to:

**EDEL ELSINE ERIKSEN**

*(Born 27 April 1851 in Ingstrup -  
died 11 June 1880 in Vrensted)*

Married second time in Vrensted to:

**ANE MARIE NIELSEN** (on photo)

*(born 29 March 1861, in Vrensted -  
died 10 Oct. 1934, in Racine, Wisc.  
USA)*

**EMIGRATED 1890**

Together with his wife, his own four children, and the son of his sister D-4. Mette Kirstine "Stine" Pedersen.



**Sisters Edel Elsie and Ane Marie  
Christensen Sundsted**

**Edel Elsie and Ane Marie  
Christensen Sundsted.**

Daughters of E-5. Christen, "C.C.  
Sundsted" & his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Ane  
Marie Sundsted.

Left: **Edel Elsie Sundsted**  
born 3 February 1885 in Vrensted,  
Denmark  
died 31 March 1904 in Racine,  
Wisconsin (19 years old)

Right: **Ane Marie Sundsted**  
born 27 February 1887 in  
Vrensted, Denmark  
died 23 March 1904 in Racine,  
Wisconsin (17 years old)



**Edel Elsie and Ane Marie  
Christensen Sundsted.**

**Daughters of E-5. Christen,  
“C.C. Sundsted” & his 2<sup>nd</sup>  
wife, Ane Marie Sundsted.**

Left: Ane Marie Sundsted  
born 27 February 1887 in  
Vrensted, Denmark

died (17 years old) from the flu,  
23 March 1904 in Racine,  
Wisconsin, USA

Right: Edel Elsie Sundsted  
born 3 February 1885 in  
Vrensted, Denmark

Died (19 years old) from the flu,  
31 March 1904 in Racine,  
Wisconsin, USA

**Sisters EDEL ELSINE and ANE MARIE  
Christensen Sundsted.**





## **THOMAS CHRISTENSEN SUNDSTED (1889-1958) & his cousin “Chris” Knudsen Sundsted, (1875 -1951)**

### **Thomas C. Sundsted.**

(Son of E-5. **Christen, “C.C. Sundsted”**). (Born 12 May 1890 Vrensted – d. 30 December 1958 Racine)

Thomas was about one year old, when he arrived in USA with his family in 1890.

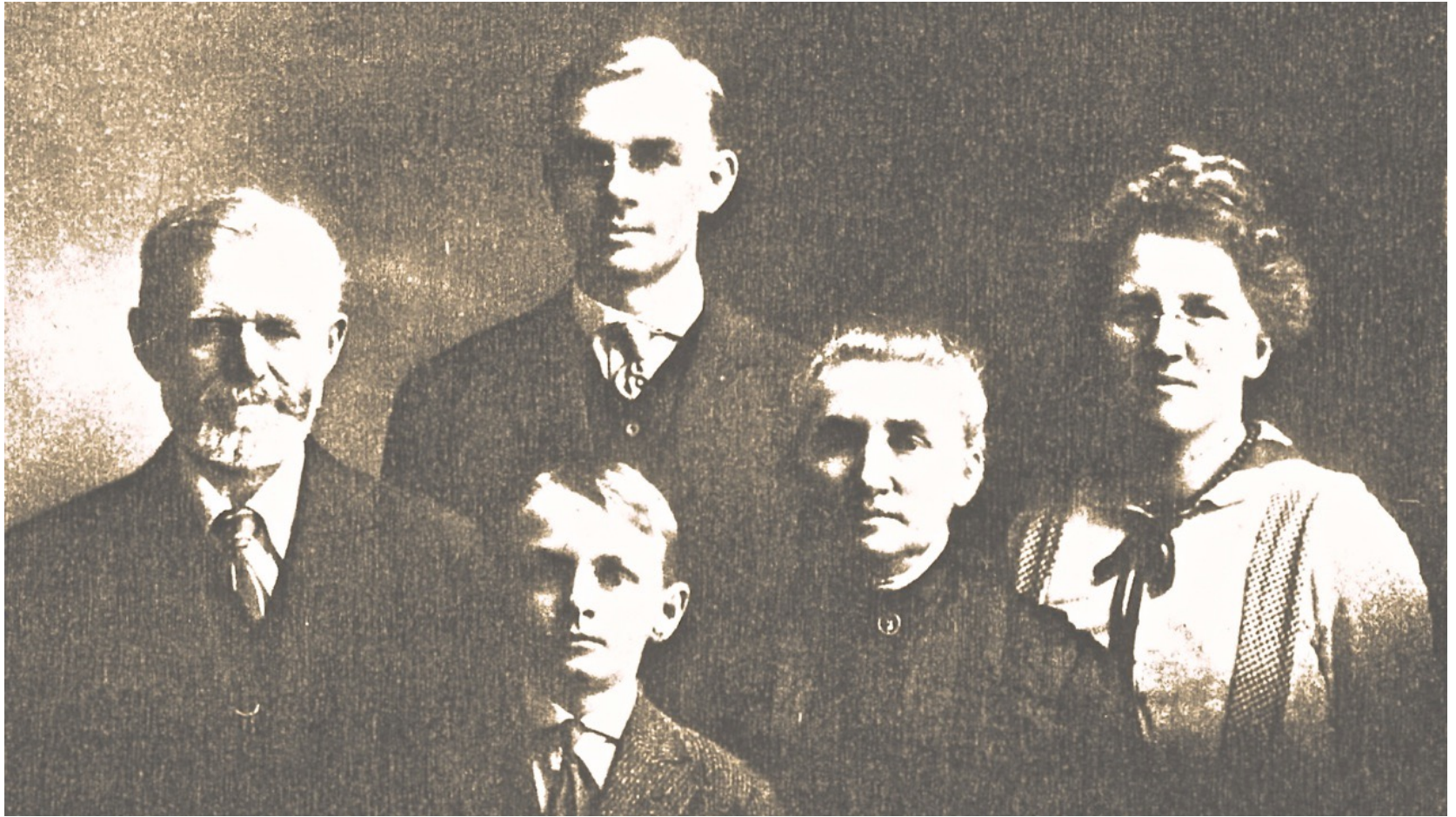
Sitting:

Thomas' cousin, **“Chris” Knudsen Sundsted**, son of Thomas' father's older brother, B-2. **Knud Sundsted.**

“Chris” was born in Poulstrup in 1875. He Emigrated to USA in 1901(1902?) 26 years old.



**E-5. Christen “Chris” C.C. Sundsted and his family – Racine WI –1916?**



E-5. C.C. Sundsted (1854-1921), son Thomas Christensen Sundsted (1890-1958), wife, Ane Marie Sundsted (1861-1934), daughter Marie Magdalene “Maggie” Johansen (1879-1949), all born in Vrensted. The youngest son, Niels Sundsted, (1902-1980) was born in USA.



**6 CHILDREN OF B-2, KNUD and KAREN SUNDSTED,  
EMIGRATED TO USA**



ERIK (1880 -1971), ANTON (1882 -1964), CHRISTEN (1875 -1951), THOMAS (1889 -1964),  
MARIE MAGDALENE (1886 -1971), ELSINE KATRINE (1887 -1976).

**LEAVING FOR AMERICA - IMMIGRANTS ON LOWER FORE DECK ca. 1906?**



**Aboard the Danish Thingvalla Line from Copenhagen via Oslo to New York**



## **IMMIGRANTS ON LOWER FORE-DECK - SS THINGVALLA**





**SS UNITED STATES - IMMIGRANTS DANCING ON THE LOWER DECK 1916**

**Photo: Gitta Bechshøft's Danish great grandfather, Charles William Bechshøft (1857-1939)**



## **ARRIVING TO AMERICA - STATUE OF LIBERTY (1886)**

**Continuation of the Sundsted family story : Part II - "Once Upon a Time in Montana"**

