

Nicolena Jensen History

Nicolena Jensen was born June 6, 1861, in Aalborg, Denmark. She was the daughter of Anders Peder Jensen and Anne Katrine Nielsen. Not much is known of her early life. She did immigrate to the United States. Nicolena met Martinus Pedersen at an LDS church dance in Salt Lake City. The two families had been acquaintances in Denmark. Martin and Lena fell in love and married December 29th, 1886. Martin had plans to move further west, but they decided to make Utah their home.

They were the parents of four children who were Arthur Martin (June 23, 1887), Cora Mary Ann (May 15, 1892), Ethel Jennie (March 3, 1898), and Harry chester (August 23, 1902). Ethel died one month after her birth, so there were three remaining children who grew into adulthood.

The family made their home in Pleasant Grove. Lena suffered from gall bladder disease. The terminology in those days was a "burst gall bladder." Little Harry was only ten months old when she died of gall bladder complications. A family acquaintance, Martha Larson, stepped in to help Lena in those last months and with her young family. Lena died June 6th, 1905, barely 42 years old. She was buried in the Pleasant Grove city cemetery near baby Ethel.

Martin and Martha were married one and one-half years after Lena's death. Their union added six sons to Martin's family. All of the children were raised as lovely family members.

Lena left a legacy of wonderful children and a posterity that is grateful for her sacrifices.

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