

Family Group Record

Husband Hans Jensen Donnergaard		
Born	22 Jan 1854	Place Ebberup, Saerloese, Voldborg, Denmark
Christened		Place
Died	18 Aug 1935	Place Sedro Woolley, Skagit, Washington
Buried		Place
Married	21 Apr 1879	Place Kornerup, Kobenhavn, Denmark
Husband's father	Jens Hansen	
Husband's mother	Karen Pedersdatter	

Wife Martine Elise Mortensen		
Born	31 Jul 1858	Place Hjorring City, Horns, Denmark
Christened	4 Oct 1858	Place Hjorring City, Horns, Denmark
Died	4 Jun 1908	Place Derby, King, Washington
Buried	6 Jun 1908	Place Bothell, King, Washington
Wife's father	Morten Christiansen	
Wife's mother	Elisabeth Laursdatter	

Children List each child in order of birth.

1	F	Astrid Donnergaard	
	Born	10 Jan 1880	Place Ousager, Denmark
	Christened	18 Jul 1880	Place Ousager, Denmark
	Died	24 May 1960	Place Seattle, King, Washington
	Buried		Place Seattle, King, Washington
	Spouse	William Robert Peterson	
	Married	1900	Place Seattle, King, Washington
	Spouse	Landrock E. Johnson	
	Married	Bef 1937	Place Seattle, King, Washington

2	F	Dagney Donnergaard	
	Born	20 May 1881	Place Ousager, Denmark
	Christened	22 Jul 1881	Place Osager, Copenhagen, Denmark
	Died	21 Feb 1935	Place Bothell, King, Washington
	Buried	23 Feb 1935	Place Cremated
	Spouse	Roscoe Conklin Rodgers	
	Married		Place

3	F	Gudrin Donnergaard	
	Born	28 Nov 1886	Place Ousager, Denmark
	Christened	26 Dec 1886	Place Ousager, Denmark
	Died	2 Dec 1957	Place Seattle, King, Washington
	Buried	4 Dec 1957	Place Lake City, King, Washington
	Spouse	William Kelly	
	Married	22 Aug 1910	Place Seattle, King, Washington

4	F	Ingerid Donnergaard	
	Born	7 Nov 1888	Place Ousager, Denmark
	Christened	9 Dec 1888	Place Ousager, Denmark
	Died	25 Nov 1969	Place Seattle, King, Washington
	Buried		Place Lake City, King, Washington
	Spouse	John James Gannon	
	Married		Place

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4	F	Ingerid Donnergaard	
	Spouse	John James Gannon	
	Married		Place
5	F	Ragnhild Donnergaard	
	Born	15 Sep 1893	Place , Ransom, North Dakota
	Christened		Place
	Died	19 Jul 1924	Place Bothell, King, Washington
	Buried	21 Jul 1924	Place Cremated
	Spouse	Frank Sidney Bolstad	
	Married	5 May 1912	Place Seattle, King, Washington
6	F	Fannie Donnergaard	
	Born	12 May 1895	Place Fargo, Cass, North Dakota
	Christened		Place
	Died	7 Mar 1966	Place Bellevue, King, Washington
	Buried		Place Seattle, King, Washington
	Spouse	Vaughn Oliver Bosley	
	Married	18 Jan 1921	Place Everett, Snohomish, Washington
7	M	Irving Ralph Donnergaard	
	Born	14 Sep 1899	Place Portland, Multnomah, Oregon
	Christened		Place
	Died	28 Oct 1985	Place Seattle, King, Washington
	Buried		Place
	Spouse	Marie Louise Guth	
	Married	8 Nov 1923	Place Seattle, King, Washington
Notes			
<p>HUSBAND - Hans Jensen Donnergaard</p> <p>Both Hans and Martine were Lutherans. At an early age Hans was given to his Aunt and Uncle, NIELS PEDERSON and KAREN HANSDATTER. It was the custom in Denmark that when a couple were childless, children were given by their brothers or sisters. Later Hans bought the farm from them, rebuilding it and renaming it "Donnergaard", also taking the name for himself. In 1805 there is a record that states the farm was called "Donnerne". It was named after "Dunhammer", which we call "cat tails". The farm is approximately 75 acres. His political opinion was with the Radical Left Wing, which in Denmark means Conservative Farmers. He was first elected member of Parliament in 1880, and reelected in 1881, 1884, and 1887. He was well educated, quick to use fluent words, and he knew how to speak well, helping him to advance rapidly to more promising positions. He helped form the first Danish coop on Sjaelland between 1884 and 1889. Between 1885 and 1889 he was office manager of the Roskild Savings Bank, and 1888 and 1889 he was voted as a member of the Alberti Butter Export firm. In 1889 he was accused of several questionable deals by Alberti, who was also Minister of Justice for Denmark, and Hans was found guilty and imprisoned. Later Alberti, himself, was unveiled as the person who had done the wrongs, plus other crooked dealings which Donnergaard had been charged. In the meantime Hans had left for America in January 1892, and first went to ND, and later WA state, where he resumed farming.</p> <p>The Danish ministry of Justice in May 1910 cancelled the charge brought upon Hans for forgery by Peter Adler Alberti in 1890. Peter Alberti in 1908 was sentenced to eight years imprisonment for forgery and fraud, the latter in the amount of 16 million kr. His fraud started as early as 1888. The ministry of Justice in 1910 decided that Donnergaard might return to Denmark and that he was fully exonerated.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Letter to Irving Donnergaard from Helge Larsen, April 14, 1979.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Donnergaard, Hans Jensen, politician, born 22 January 1854, in Ebberup, Saerlose Sogn. Born to Jens</p>			

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HUSBAND - Hans Jensen Donnergaard (Continued)

Hanson (1821-95, a small farm owner) and Karen Pedersdatter (1822-1902). Changed his name to Donnergaard after his farm. Married in 1879 in Kornerup with Martine Elise Mortensen, born July 31, 1858, in Hjørring, died 1909 in America. She was born to Morten Norgaard (a carpenter) and Elisabeth Larsen.

In 1879 he was manager of the farm Donnergaard in Ousager, Lejre, and was later the owner. He started early in life a political career as a Radical Commissioner, and was voted in the Svinninge district in 1880, and again in 1881, 1884 and 1887. He was well educated, quick to use fluent words and he knew how to speak, all helping to advance him rapidly to more promising positions. He helped form the first Danish coop on Sjaelland between 1884 and 1889. Between 1885 and 1889 he was office manager of the Roskild Savings Bank, and in 1888 and 1889 he was voted as a member of the Alberti Butter Export firm. In 1889, as a prank and in defiance of Alberti, he entered a false balance of a loss, and Alberti found out in April of 1891 and prosecuted him for this false entry after a long procedure that didn't put any of the partners in a good light. Judgement was appealed, but before any definite report from the courts was received, Donnergaard made additional questionable deals, and left January 1892 for America, where from 1897 he has lived in Seattle, and worked as a farmer, in saw mills and in the building trade.

"Dansk Biografisk Leksikon", VI, Devegge-Fordinandson, 1935, Translated by Eric Soby, November, 1968

Hans Jensen Donnergaard was born in Searlose county. His political opinion was with the Radical Left Wing, which in Denmark means Conservative Farmers. He was first time elected member of Parliament in 1880 - reelected in 1881, 1884 and 1887.

In 1888 he became a member of the Board of Directors in the Butter Export business. This firm was run by Alberti. In 1889 Donnergaard spread rumors to the effect that something was wrong in the financial end of the butter export firm. Alberti, who was President of this butter export firm and also Minister of Justice for Denmark, accused Donnergaard for being the one who fixed the books (1891). Donnergaard was found guilty and imprisoned. In 1892 he was found guilty of other crimes, all concerned with money and finances. Donnergaard left for the United States.

Later Alberti was unveiled as the person who had done this wrong, plus the other crooked dealings which Donnergaard had been charged. Alberti confessed that it was he who had been doing things to the books of the butter export firm. Donnergaard's court case was never taken up again. It was forgotten, probably due to Donnergaard going to the United States.

In 1897 Donnergaard arrived in Seattle where he worked at farming, saw milling and as a building contractor.

Telex from Denmark to Norway to Per Hovde from Per Morten Borgaard, 1966

Sources: Seattle title Co., Abstract of Title, Auditor No. 928459; Dansk Bugrafist Leksikon, 1/1 Devegge-Ferdenandsen, 1835; Hans Gyldeenkaren, by Morten Bredsharff, pgs 15-20; Gary W. Kelly (Gudrin's information); 1900 U.S. Census, State of Washington, King County, Juanita Precinct, Enumeration District 56, 9 June 1900, Line 41; Hjørring city Parish Records, LDS film 049033; Kirke Hvalso Parish Records, LDS film 039557; Kornerup (Svagerslev) Parish Records, LDS film 300746

(Marriage); Esther Frandsen Torgensen family records - Denmark 1978

Record of Naturalization for Hans JENSEN from State of Minnesota.

DEATH: Washington State Board of Health Certificate of Death, registered number 2638 from Skagit County.

WIFE - Martine Elise Mortensen

Martine was the village school teacher; followed Hans to America with her daughters, leaving her close family and position behind. She was noted for her gardens in Derby, and for her loving help she gave to those who had less than she.

Martine and Hans had eleven children in all. Five were premature, including twin sons born between Irene and Lalla.

An interesting facet of Martine's nature was that whenever she became pregnant she immediately went to the dressmaker and ordered new clothes that fit her perfectly.

Martine, called "Moa" (danish for mother) by her children and subsequently by her grandchildren, loved children and it was a common occurrence in the Donnergaard home to have the less fortunate children of the neighborhoods in their home. Moa often came home from shopping at the Salvation Army Store with arms loaded with clothing she bought and which she and her daughters remade into clothes for these needy neighbors. This continued until those needy ones began telling them how they wished their clothes to be made, whereupon Martine determined that they were no longer needy.

Sources:

DEATH: Washington State death certificate record number 252 from KingCounty.

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CHILD 1 - Astrid Donnergaard Astrid assumed the name of Esther when coming to America. In 1929 there was a stock market crash and Esther lost all of her money. In order to survive she started the Reliable Employment Agency, which she ran until she retired. In her twilight years she had a stroke and remained in a wheelchair the rest of her life. She is buried at Acacia Cemetery in north Seattle.	
CHILD 2 - Dagney Donnergaard She became a devout Christian Scientist, and was one of the first members of that church in Bothell.	
CHILD 3 - Gudrin Donnergaard Gudrin assumed the name of Gertrude or Gerty when coming to America. She was a devoted Christian Scientist. She and her sister, Irene, ran a small restaurant in Bothell. For years she was the main chef at the Bothell High School cafeteria. Later she went to Broadway Educational School and learned to be a bakery chief. She then became a baker in the University District at Helen Swopes. She is buried at Acacia Cemetery in north Seattle.	
Sources: BIRTH: Personal knowledge of Alvin E. KELLY, her son. MARRIAGE: State of Washington Marriage Certificate number 28360 from King County. DEATH: Washington State Death Certificate, state file number 6284, registrar's number 6284. Cremated 4 December 1957. Ashes at Acacia cemetery in LakeCity.	
CHILD 4 - Ingerid Donnergaard Ingerid changed her name to Irene when coming to America. She and her sister ran a small restaurant in Bothell and then she became a seamstress for men's clothes. She was an great gardener. She also made beautiful dresses for her grand daughter, which were passed down to Alisa Bosley and then to Alison Priebe, and maybe further. She is buried at Acacia Cemetery in north Seattle.	
CHILD 5 - Ragnhild Donnergaard Lala died from a case of diphtheria. She died on a Saturday and was cremated the following Monday.	
CHILD 6 - Fannie Donnergaard FANNIE DONNERGAARD was an excellent pianist. She worked as a song plugger at the Bon Marche, in Seattle, before her marriage. She also played piano in several small dance bands, background for silent pictures at the Bothell theater, and for Christian Science church services. She loved gardening, and cooking. She worked at the Lake Washington Ship Yards during the Second World War. Source: Personal knowledge of her son.	
CHILD 7 - Irving Ralph Donnergaard Irving born Irving Ralph KRUMM (adopted). Irving had come into the care of the Seattle police through policeman on the force, who having a large family to support and needing the added income, had with his wife agreed to care for a child in their home. He was brought to them for this care by his mother. Since the mother never came again to pay for his keep, the family could no longer afford to keep this little fellow, so they placed him with the police. Gerty Donnergaard was going with a fellow named Al Chappen. Martine Donnergaard, in her usual friendly manner, wanted to get acquainted with the mother of her daughter's gentleman friend, so she called on her while one one of her shopping trips, via the train that went from Derby via Renton to Seattle. Al's mother was a police matron at the Seattle police station. While there she saw and held a small blonde boy, who was, as Mrs. Chappen told her, the "pet of the whole police force". He took an immediate liking to Mrs. Donnergaard, and when she prepared to leave he cried so hard that Martine could not leave him. It was decided by those in charge that it would be a good idea to let the Donnergaards take him and keep him until something was learned about his family, who according to the police records had abandoned him. Weeks passed with no one contacting the police regarding him, and Hans and Martine adopted him as soon as the law allowed. Irving started school in Woodinville, WA and continued at Bothell High School. He and four other men, Ross Worley, John Blackburn, Hand Selman and Vaughn Bosley, enlisted on March 30, 1917 in Company D of the WA National Guard, where they served in the Allied Expeditionary Forces in France during World War I. After the war he went to Lincoln High School in Seattle where he met Marie Louis Guth, and they graduated together in 1921. For a short time Irving and Louise lived in California. He then worked as manager of Singer Sewing Machine Store in the University district of Seattle from 1935 to 1942. and in 1942 he volunteered for the Army serving in North Africa and Italy, being responsible for 500 German prisoners of war (Rommel's best). In 1948 he bought Coast Concrete Company, where he had a work force of eleven men, and he finally retired in 1969. Irving was a talented writer of verse as well as prose. Endless Maryanna and Bobby stories with their bear	

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Notes	<p>CHILD 7 - Irving Ralph Donnergaard (Continued) friends, Tabby and Bruno, taught all listeners about good overcoming evil as Love dispell fear and doubt. He was a favorite story teller to his children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren. He loved to sing and had a marvelous, dramatic tenor voice and belonged to a Seattle choir for some time.</p> <p>Seventeen students have been recipients of the Irving R. and Louise M. Donnergaard Scholarship at the University of Washington thus far (2004). The endowment has been placed in the NASA program, the focus being engineering, math and sciences.</p> <p>Source: Louise Donnergaard, Irene Gannon, Marcia Crossett and Pat Curkendall</p>