

PERSONAL BACKGROUND Name - Einer Marinus Nielsen. Born in Henne, Denmark, hich is on the west coast near Varde on February 14, 1897.

PARENTS His father was known as Sern Christian Brun. Brun was an old amily name. Einer was called the Burn's son. He's not sure where Nielsen came rom, but it was his mother's name. Her name was Anna. They were farmers and he orked part time for a house builder. They raised some grain and potatoes. His ather worked out quite a bit and might stay where he was working.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS Martin was a farmer and stayed in Denmark as did atilda. Sigfrid was in this country for many years and worked as a sewer ontractor in Seattle, Washington. He got some arthritis and got a boarding ouse where workers from Alaska would come to stay for the winter. They would lways pay even if they didn't have the money at the time. After this he went nto the apartment house business. Following Sigfrid to the US came Kris, iktor, Margrethe, and Edith who married a farmer in Snohomish, Washington. ris went to Alaska, worked in a mine and later started raising foxes. He fed he foxes with the fish he caught. Viktor was a farmer between Enumclaw and acoma. He died young from Bright's disease. Margrethe married a farmer in eattle. Edith married Chris Hansen.

GRANDPARENTS Had met his paternal grandparents Brun.

CHRISTMAS IN DENMARK They always had a tree and decorated it. They ate ither rabbit or ducks or geese with red cabbage. They made their own bread, umpernickel.

SCHOOL IN DENMARK It took about 25 minutes to walk and/or run there.

CONFIRMATION Went to the minister with four girls. They met with the astor on Saturday. They had to go about three Danish miles.

CHURCH IN DENMARK They didn't always go because it was too far to walk and hey didn't have horses.

FARM WORK That was all there was to do. He lived with the people he worked or. They would hire out for a year. After one year he went to another place here he stayed until he came to America. They wouldn't let him go because his ime wasn't up.

REASONS FOR COMING TO AMERICA His brothers and sisters were here and doing ell. Most thought they would go to America and make some money and come back nd but a place. It was a loss for the parents to lose their children. He romised his parents that he would try to save and come back, but no one ever ame back. Einer did come back to visit.

PREPARING FOR THE U.S. TRIP He didn't have enough money to some and he ever asked his brother because they didn't want him to come because they anted to the youngest to stay home with the family. He couldn't see any future n Denmark. This was the start of WWI.

TRIP TO US He got the money from the grocery man that he was working for n his spare time. He borrowed 300-400 Dkr. They left from Copenhagen and went o England. This was in 1914. They didn't know when they would leave England in he Lusitania because they were afraid of the U-boats. They were ordered to leep in their clothes and come on call. There was a battle ship that escorted hem out. This ship was sunk on the way back. There were movies and dances on oard. He came with two other boys that were going to homestead in Canada. They ere supposed to go to Canada but they couldn't land because of the war so they ame to New York. The trip took about ten days from England to New York. They ad waited several days in England and waited in a boarding house. The food was ad.

TRIP FROM COPENHAGEN, DENMARK TO LONDON, ENGLAND They were in a small boat nd it was rough and he was sick.

LUSITANIA The food was good and he wasn't sick.

ELLIS ISLAND They had to go through but they didn't have enough money. \$5 as required so Einer went through first and handed the money back to the next uy to get through. They were going to send him back because the

address that he said he was going to didn't exist. The ticket agent in Denmark made up the place. Some Danish people helped them explain that they were going to work on farms up there because they knew that farm help was needed.

TRAIN TRAVEL Took the train to Toronto, Canada. They bought food to take on the train.

TORONTO, CANADA There was lots of snow so they thought that they would go and stay with one boy's brother in Detroit, Michigan, but his brother refused them when they called from the border because he didn't know that his brother was coming and thought that it was someone playing a trick. The people at the border wouldn't even try to call Einer's brother after that, but sent them back to Toronto. When they got back they stayed at the RR station until it was time for them to close and a person came that took in travelers and took them to a boarding house.

BOARDING HOUSE The man gave them a nice room and fixed them a big breakfast. He helped with the dishes to pay for the food. This man took him to the Norwegian immigration man.

IMMIGRATION MAN He told them that the railway had to refund their ticket to the US because they didn't have the papers for passage. They got their money back. This man arranged for them to go to Tavistock, Ontario where there was a Danish man that could find them a job.

Worked on farms until they got enough money to send the one guy to his mother. The third boy in their party couldn't land because he was engaged to a German girl and they had to marry before his entry would be allowed. They never saw him again. His last name was Petersen.

FARM WORK Einer stayed at the farm. His friend repaid the money he had borrowed. Einer asked for a raise and got it. He stayed until the crops were in and then he was ready to head for Seattle. The farmer was German and spoke German so he had a hard time learning English.

TRAIN TRAVEL Knew enough English that he didn't have any trouble traveling. The trip took a couple of days. Other immigrants were cooking food on the pot-bellied stove on the train. He had contacted his brother and his mother met him at the train.

BROTHER He had a boarding house at this time and he was also responsible for taking care of the Danish Brotherhood Hall. Einer helped him until he got settled himself.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON This was the year of the big snow. They got 4'. He worked shoveling snow because buildings weren't made for this much snow. Einer had a room in his brother's boarding house.

BAKERY WORK He filled orders for the drivers that went out the next morning. This was a night job. His neighbor would play violin in the day when he was trying to sleep. He learned a lot of the language there.

ENGLISH SCHOOL Didn't learn more than conversational.

Brother Viktor was also selling bakery goods, but he got tired of it and wanted to farm. They went and worked on a 1700-acre farm. His mother wanted him to go into partnership with him. They lassoed wild cows and milked them and sold the butter. **SIDE I**

He continues talking about the wild cows and how they broke them. They used separator to get the cream. They had about four cows and that was enough to live on.

ROY, WASHINGTON They found a better farm that was suitable for dairy farming and that's what this brother had done before.

ALASKA His other brother went to Alaska and found a job for Einer too. The mother had a bunkhouse near a mine. When the tide was coming in it was Einer's job to keep the water out of the mine by means of a dyke and a wood powered pump.

ENTERTAINMENT Were dances every week. There weren't any white women there. There wasn't a lot to spend your money on.

SEATTLE MILK BUSINESS He bought out a man that had a milk route and a few cows. Einer's brother-in-law got the cows and Einer took the route. He delivered the milk in truck. The milk was in bottles.

MEETING SPOUSE They met in grade school in Denmark. She had become a nurse in Denmark. Her name was Hilda Dungaar (?). He had to go back to Denmark and get her in 1921 or '22. Had someone take his milk route. She came back with him.

VISIT TO DENMARK Visited old friends.

WEDDING Married in Seattle. His brother, Sigfrid, and his wife had the wedding for them. They had a dinner and a dance. They played tricks on him so that he couldn't get away in his car. They had a house to move into.

TRIP They took a trip with his brother and went and stayed in a cabin by the river.

HOUSING They lived in their first house until they decided that it would be better to move into town closer to his business. They rented there.

KRISTOFERSON'S DAIRY They were a large dairy with 30-40 delivery wagons. He got a job there and liked it, but had a chance to buy a route. The previous owner was being sued for selling milk which carried undulant fever. He got the milk to sell from a farmer out in Renton Junction.

CHILDREN His wife stayed home after they were married. Viktor graduated from Washington State and was a teacher. They live in Springfield, Oregon. They have great grandchildren. Esther Temple (?) was a navy nurse and has now started an old people's home in Hawaii. Her husband worked for the government. They have four girls.

APARTMENT HOUSES Sold the milk route and the Danish brick house he had built and moved into the apartment houses where he stayed until he moved to here he is now.

SECOND WIFE She was one of his tenants. Her name was Helen Bogardis (?). He had been taking care of her old mother and her cancer ill brother who died within a week of each other. At this time he had sold the apartment but stayed on as its caretaker. Helen was born on Capitol Hill in Seattle.

VISITS TO DENMARK Had a trip down through Europe with a Danish minister's son. They went all the way to Italy. The old home is gone. Before his mother died she was living with her daughter who was a baker in Copenhagen.

ORGANIZATIONS He wasn't very active in the Danish Brotherhood because his wife didn't like the drinking. They were active in the Church.

SPOKEN DANISH He tells about his second trip to Denmark in Danish.