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The Story of
Lidse Petersdatter and Brigetta Sophia Petersen

This is a brief history as I know it, about Lidse Petersdatter, my 3rd great grandmother, and her daughter Brigetta Sophia Petersen, my 2nd great grandmother. This is through my grandmother, Beulah Miller's line.

Lidse was born in Copenhagen, Denmark around 1818-1820 to Peter Hansen and his wife, whom we do not know her name. Naming her Lidse, daughter of Peter (Peters Datter). Her brother Hans was born around 1812-1815 (Hans Peters Son).

Helsingor is the location of Kronsborg Castle, made famous by Shakespeare in his play "Hamlet" which he referred, and named "Elisnora" and is a popular tourist site today.

This castle was the part time residence of King Christian IXth during the years 1830-1845. Some historians have portrayed him as a ladies man, and rumored to have fathered some children in the kingdom.

There are no records as to her whereabouts up until she was found on the 1834 census in Frederiksborg Denmark in Slangerup Parish.

She was working as a domestic servant, she was 15 years old.

Her brother Hans was also working as a servant. He was 18 years old.

During this time Sidse became pregnant in July 1841 with Sophia, my 2nd great grandmother, giving birth on Sept. 27, 1842 at the unwed mothers home about 40 miles away in Copenhagen.

Today the home is open to tourist. Sophia's father is said to be King Christian IX (9th)

Sophia's birth entry at the home was entered as "Birgetta Sophia Elsenora" This entry has caused some to consider this as part of her name, as "Elsenora", this is a place however, not part of her name.

Sidse returned to her fathers home with Sophia shortly thereafter.

Sophia was given to her brother Hans and wife Zena Petersen to raise for a period of time. She was christened on Dec. 4, 1842.

During this period Sidse married, to a Petersen and had Sophia come to live with them.

Records would seem to indicate that Sidse had other children in this marriage.

Frederiksborg 1840 census
Sidse Pedersdatter age 21 Housemaid

Frederiksborg 1850 census
age 30 married to Hans Petersen
Children Birgetta age 7
Ane Cathrine age 3
Peter Christian age 1

Between 1850 and 1860 Sophia worked on several farms as a maid

She was found on the 1860 Census records, working in the household of Lars Sederstrom, a Blacksmith, as a maid.

It is unknown how Dykstra came in
contact with the latter Day Knight missionaries.
Some time between 1860 and 1866, he joined the
work of James Dwight Foster in Denmark.
He was 24 years old.

In March of 1866 he embarked a sailing
vessel named the Kennelworth, on a
voyage to America. He left from Hamburg,
Germany with 684 other sailors.

After a 53 day voyage arrived in
May 1866 with about 500 other sailors in
New York Harbor.

An account of this voyage is in the record.

For many trials, traveled by wagon train from
Wisconsin. An account of Dykstra's travels across
the plains on wagon train is in the last or
narrated for. It is unknown what wagon

was the wagon.

Arriving in Salt Lake Valley in Aug, Sept or Oct.
Making her way to Mt. Pleasant, Utah, the
870 Census made for living with a Danish
family, the Danesons. They came to America
3 years earlier. She worked as a domestic
helper for 6 years (17)

On May 20, 1872 Sophia married
Christen Jensen Andersen in the Salt
Lake Temple.

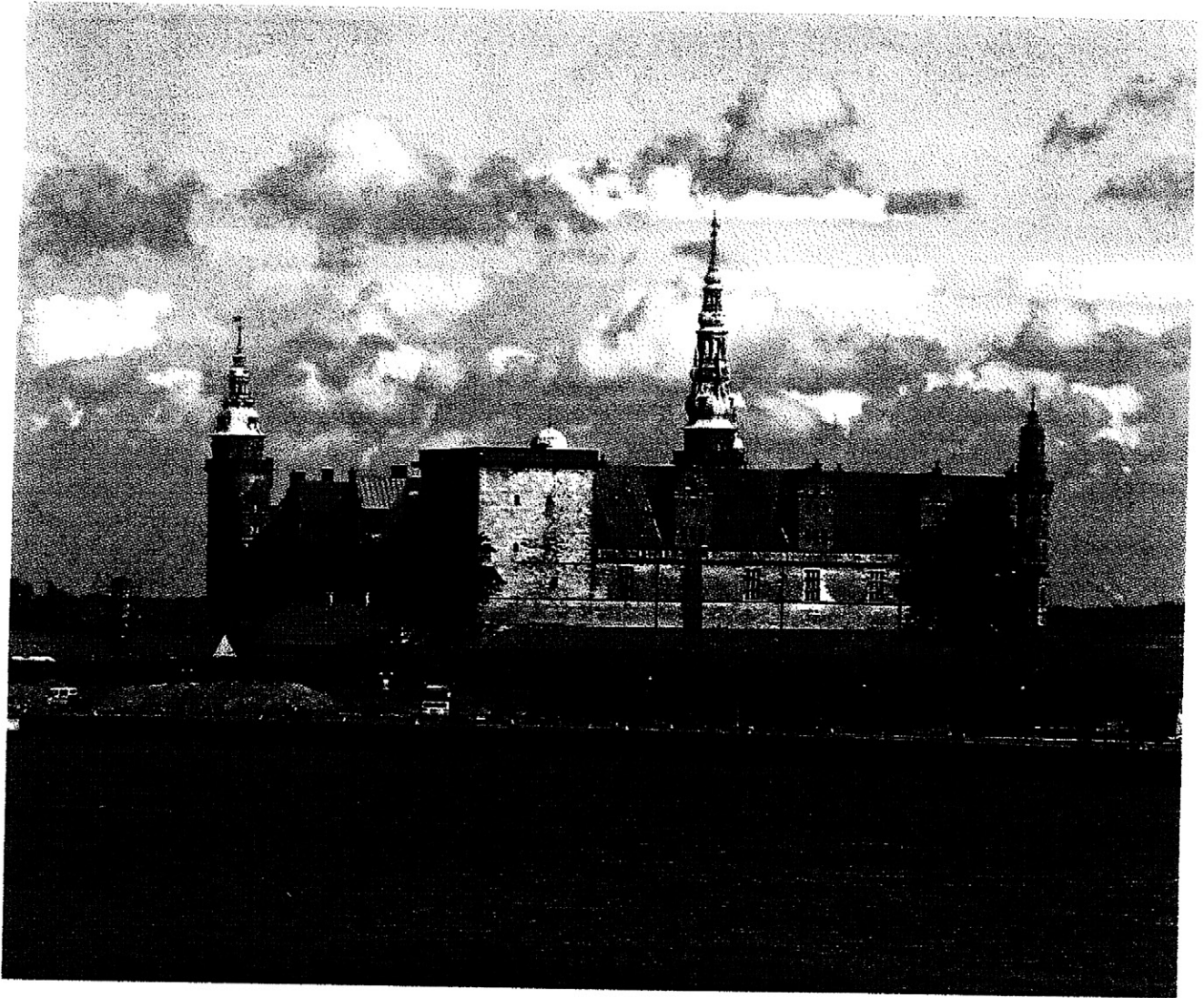
She was his third wife. The first
two wives died, the first leaving him
with a son Olof.

Sophia and Christen had two children.
The first was stillborn and the second a
daughter, Louise Marie. She is my 1st
great grandmother, mother to Beulah Miller,
my grandmother.

She died March 2, 1897, and is buried
in Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

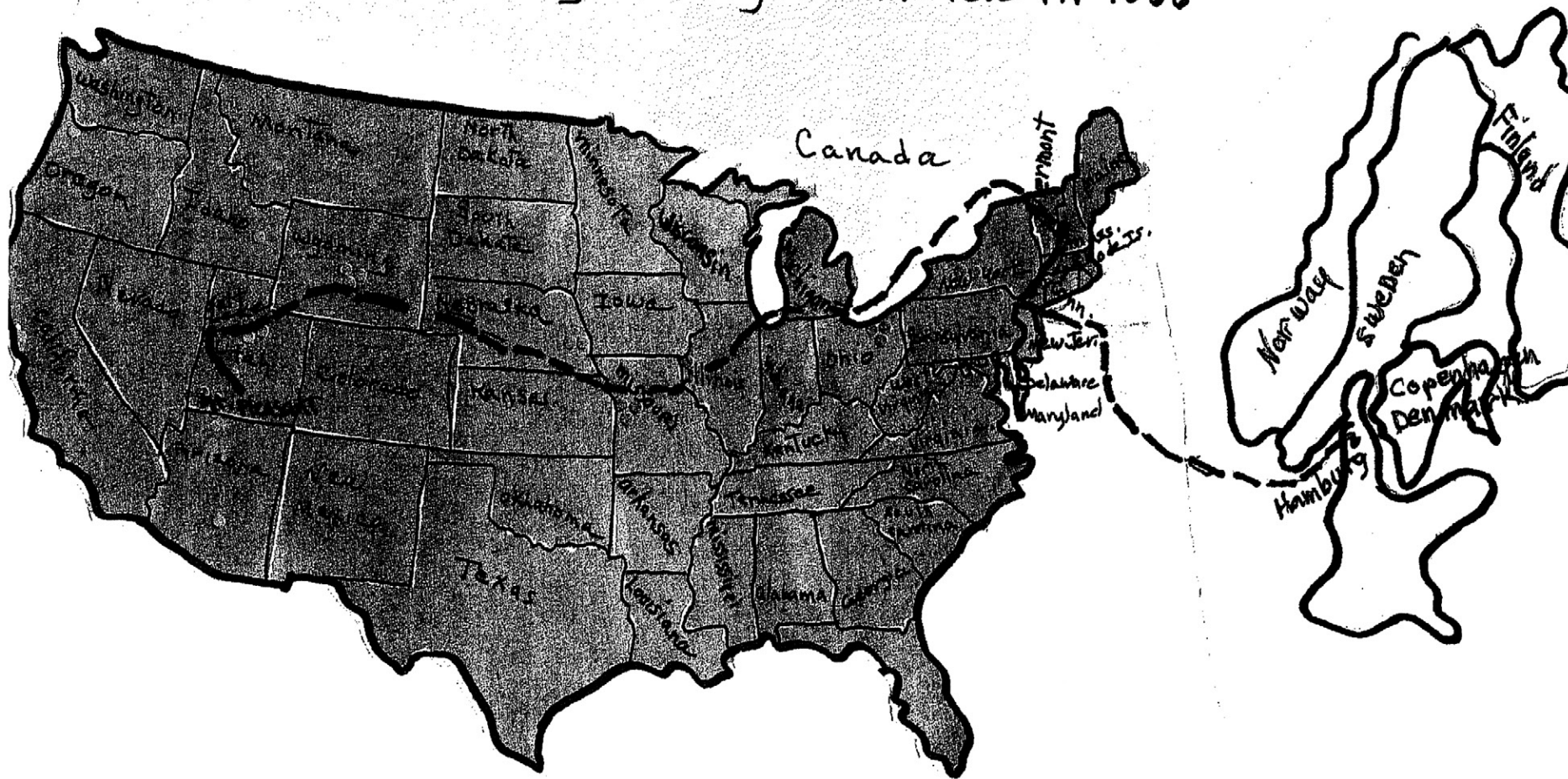
"Remarks"

- (1) Sophie was probably christened on Dec 4, 1842 into the Lutheran Church. That was 99% dominant at that time.
- (2) Sophie was baptized into the L.D.S. church sometime between 1850 and 1866. The L.D.S. mission was not started until 1850.
- (3) Can not find Sophie's name on OX trains, but passengers list are incomplete.
- (4) Believe her to be on Captain Scott's train - the complete list has not been preserved.
- (5) Some waited around for a delayed train that was scheduled to go directly to Sanpete, Utah, by passing Salt Lake. She may have been on the wagon train.



Kronberg Castle
Located near
where Adise was
working. At the time
it was occupied by
Danish soldiers

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—
Journey of Birgetta Sophia Elenor Petersen Anderson
from Hamburg Germany to America in 1866





Sidse Petersen
believed to be
Sophia's mother.

She may have
brought this photo
with her from Denmark.

Photo given to Suzanne
by Grandma Miller
around the age of 12.