

"The 13 ugly from Lolland"

That's how the 13 siblings were known - or how they referred to themselves.

*The 13 are the 13 siblings and children of **Anders Peder Hansen** and **Marie Annette Augusta Hansen from Torslunde on Lolland**. Actually, they had 15 children, but one (Anton Emil Hansen) died at age 5 and another one (Georg Hansen) died just two hours after his birth.*



In 1958, Axel Marius Hansen writes "a plain schematic report of their life stories":



Johannes Laurits Qvist Hansen (3/3 1858 – 5/11 1950)

Johannes got an apprenticeship at a machine builder and blacksmith in the neighboring town Fuglse, and ended up as a blacksmith in Copenhagen at "Marstrand and Helveg" machine factory located on Vesterfælledvej. Here, he gradually grew to become foreman and stayed with the company when the factory moved to Tagensvej in Nørrebro and under the name "Titan" became a limited company that over time developed to a very large business. At "Titan", Johannes became senior foreman and was for many years a highly esteemed manager until he retired at 72½ years old. He received a pension from "Titan" and lived until he was 92½ years old.



Hans Christian Hansen (10/9 1859 – 3/10 1934)

Christian was trained by cabinet maker Aaby Rodby, where he was well trained as a cabinet maker. He came as graduated cabinet maker to Copenhagen. Later he traveled to America, where he in Brooklyn over time made a good business as a carpenter. Over the years, he visited Denmark several times; he also tried to create a business in Denmark, but did not find conditions sufficiently well and traveled back to Brooklyn and reestablished a good business. He passed away 75 years old.



Agnes Emilie Marie Hansen (24/7 1864 – 20/8 1939)

Agnes was extremely well gifted and became a school teacher at "Frk. Zahles Kursus" in Copenhagen. After graduation, she got her first job at a childcare home in Hellerup. It was originally called "Talibho", but was later renamed to "Ove Hohlenbergs Minde". Here, Agnes stayed and got a lifetime career in cooperation with the headmaster Fr. Anna Herreborg. When they were "worn out" they retired together and lived together until Fr. Herreborg died. Agnes stayed alone in the apartment until she died in 1939 at 75 years old.



Otto Valdemar Hansen (16/6 1866 – 2/2 1939)

Valdemar moved all the way to Ribe and got apprenticeship in trading (Haberdashery). From his youth, he was strongly religious focused, first in the Grundtvigian direction (he was old friend of the later very famous folk high school principal Thomas Bredsdorff) but soon he was engaged in the "Indre Mission" and later became a missionary. With this position, he had to change work place on a regular basis. He ended up living in Alderslyst at Silkeborg. He died 73 years old.



Ane Kirstine Hansen – "Kisse" (b. 1/6 1868 – d. 1916)

Kirstine was in her youth in America (as she could visit Cristian). After three years in America, she travelled with Christian to Denmark, thinking that she was going back over there again, as she was very pleased with the life style there. However, then she got engaged and married to Sofus Larsen. At first, they first had a bakery in Nødager, but they sold that and tried different ways of living until they ended up living in Nykøbing F. Kirstine died here only 48 years old.



Henrik Anton Hansen (b. 19/3 1870 – d. 1932)

Henrik got an apprenticeship as a blacksmith at Højbygaard near Torslunde. After completing his education, he came to Copenhagen where he worked at "Titan". However, he had a desire to travel so after a few years, he moved to America.

Just like Christian, he settled in Brooklyn where he got himself a good job and got deeply engaged in the union work. He and Christian both had wife, children and good homes, spent a lot of time together. However, Henrik didn't get very old, approximately 62 years old.



Erhardt Sofus Hansen (b. 8/10 1871)

After a few partially wasted years at the sugar factory, Erhard got a very good apprenticeship at the machine factory "Volkan" in Maribo, where he got an excellent education. As graduated he spends some time in Germany, mostly in Flensburg. When he returned to Denmark, he was for some years a very trusted employee at "Titan". Later, he started his own business and now he enjoys his retirement 87 years old.



Carl Frederik Hansen (8/10 1871 – 4/3 1946)

Carl learned what then was called "hollænderi" (dairy production) at Søholt, a manor in Maribo. Afterwards he worked at several larger farms. Later, when he and Mathilde got married, they had several smaller country houses until approx. 1914 where they got a farm at Auning Field near Ryomgaard (Valdemar lived at that time in Auning). Here, they lived until their five sons were adults, and one of them, Julius, took over the farm, and they moved to a house in the neighboring town Øster Alling. Here they lived until Carl died at a hospital in Randers March 4, 1946 at 74½ years old.



Elise Regina Hansen (5/9 1873 – 20/1 1950)

Elise was throughout her childhood at great help at home. During her youth, she had different servant jobs with high demands of care and compassion. For some time she worked at the "Hohlenbergs Minde", later she was at a nursing home in Sakskøbing, where she helped taking care of the sick patients. Early on, she joined "Indre Mission" where she met S.P.Kolind with whom she married in 1898. First they lived in Kolind and later in Langå. She died soon after her husband at age 76½ in 1950.



August Peder Hansen (b. 17/5 1875 – 31/10 1954)

Peder got an apprenticeship in dyeing in Thorsager Djursland. In 1894 he went to Copenhagen, got a job at Hannibal Sander A/S Endrup. After some time – out of the country, several years in Switzerland, he returned back home and worked as a color master for the rest of his working life. He was highly recognized by his company and within his peers' network. He passed away in 1954, 79½ years old.



Axel Marius Hansen (21/9 1877 – 28/10 1960)

Axel went to Jonstrup College, became a teacher at Gunslev on Falster, became later parliament member and now lives in Roskilde at 81 years old.

(So modestly he describes himself - not a word about all his other accomplishments, like the fact that he was Minister of Education in the liberation government after the occupation)



Gerda Sofie Margrethe Hansen (b. 23/7 1883)

When father died in 1899 Gerda came to Rødby with her mother. Here she got a job at the mayor's office. Later, she came to the City of Copenhagen's Community Tramway office where she got employed. Here she worked until she had to resign due to illness. She retired with full pension included. She was then nearly 65 years old.



Ejnar Thorvald Hansen (b. 23/1 1886)

Einar was trained in a trade business, first in Holeby and later in Nakskov, where he also got a business degree. As graduated he got a job at a grocery store in Odense. Here he applied for a job at the municipal office, where he went from job to job until he eventually became municipal accountant and finally CFO. He resigned (due to age) in 1956 at age 70.

Written from a photocopy February 7, 2016 by Thorkild Sørensen, married to Elise's granddaughter Aase.

Furthermore it can be added that Axel Marius Hansen wrote this record at the age of 81 years old when he sent two small "wandering books" that had been "a link between a mother and her large brood of children", around to the four remaining siblings before he submitted it to the National Archives for storage and thus available for future generations. At the same time he wrote a short biography about his parents Anders Peder Hansen and Marie Annette Augusta Hansen.

He ended his letter with the following greeting:

*J håb om at vandrebogen
med noter vil nå ud til
en del af familien Hansens
 yngre medlemmer, sender
 jeg dermed hilsen til disse.
Roskilde i sept. 1958
Axel.*

With hopes that the Wandering Books including notes will reach a part of the family Hansen's younger members, I hereby enclose a greeting to them.

Roskilde, September 1958
Axel