

## LATTER-DAY SAINT Biographical Encyclopedia

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**CHRISTENSEN, Niels**, an active Elder and a resident of Hyrum, Cache county, Utah, was born Dec. 11, 1816, in Randers amt, Denmark, the son of Christian Nielsen and Anna M. Johansen. Becoming a convert to "Mormonism" he was baptized July 6, 1858, by Rasmus Mikkelsen. He married Kirstine Nielsen and emigrated to Utah in 1860 with four children (Niels Christian, Christen, Niels and Maria Christine), leaving his wife behind. He settled at Hyrum, Cache county, Utah, and engaged in a number of activities, such as farming, shoemaking and carpentering. He married a second wife, Dorthea Christine Johansen, in 1860, by whom he had six children, namely, Joseph, Sophia, Dorthea, John and Samuel. In 1863 he married a third wife (Christine Anderson), by whom he had nine children, making nineteen children in all, ten of whom are now living. The names of his children by his third wife are Andrew, Ezra, Mary Ann, Heber, Joseph, Hy-

rum, Nephi Lehi, Wilford and Orson. Ripe in years and highly respected, Bro. Christensen died July 30, 1881, at Hyrum. He was a man of energy, a good provider and strong in the



faith. By his diligence and faithfulness he proved himself a true Latter-day Saint.