

## 1. CHILDREN

- **Niels ANTHON** born on 31 December 1832 and baptised in Assens Church on 24 April 1833. Niels married Mette Cathrine Pedersen (born 7 December 1832 at Assens) at Assens Church on 28 April 1858. They had five children: Jens Christian Anthon (born 29 August 1859); Kirstine Meta Anthon (born 22 March 1865); Hanne Marie Anthon (born 19 April 1868); and Louise Jacobine Anthon (born 28 August 1871). The fifth child is not known. Niels ANTHON spent most of his working life as a harbour master and died on 17 February 1906 and was interred at the Assens Church cemetery on 21 February 1906. He was survived by his wife who passed away just over a year later on 12 April 1907.
- **Christian Theodor ANTHON** born 9 October 1834 and baptised in Assens Church on 25 November 1834
- **Jens ANTHON NIELSEN** born 2 August 1836 and baptised in Assens Church on 22 October 1836
- **Anthon NIELSEN** (twin) born 21 January 1839 and baptised at home on 29 January 1839. Died before baptism in church.
- **Daniel Christopher ANTHON NIELSEN** born 21 January 1839, baptised at home on 29 January 1839 and baptised in church on 6 June 1839.

## 2. PARENTS

**Jens ANTHON** was the son of Niels ANTHON and Maren HANSDATTER, baptised at Assens Church on 15 December 1804. Witnesses to the baptism were Jens Hansen's daughter, Dorothea Kirstine, Bertel Anthon, Niels Hansen and Rasmus Christophersen. On 7 December 1832, Jens married Catrine Kirstine HARDER in Assens Church. He was listed as a seaman. Later, according to the 1840 and 1845 censuses, he was helmsman. In the 1850 census he was the harbour master and remained so until his death at Assens on 12 August 1863. He was recorded several times as Jens Anthon Nielsen, once in a census and the other in his death record. It should be noted that not all Danish names follow the patronymic pattern i.e. given name of the father with the suffix "sen" (son of) or "datter" (daughter of) particularly where there is already a proper surname such as ANTHON. This particular type of naming tradition began to be phased out in the 1830s and it was not until the latter part of the 1800s that women began to take on the surname of their husbands.

**Catrine Kirstine HARDER** was the daughter of Christian Jacobsen HARDER and Anna Dorthea PEDERSDATTER, born at Bogense on 21 August 1805. At the age of 17, she left home to take up employment elsewhere and it is presumed that this was when she made her way south to Assens or Faaborg.

On 7 December 1832, she married seaman Jens ANTHON in Assens Church. They first resided at Adelgade no. 281 and after several years moved to Strandgaden no. 116 where they lived for the remainder of their lives. Catrine died during the 1850s. She appeared in the 1850 census, however, by the time the 1860 census was taken, her husband was already a widower. In all census records, Catrine referred to herself as Trine. All names provided in this genealogy are based on baptism records and if not available, then the confirmation record. It should be noted that not all census records are accurate. Catrine's two sisters moved into the household after she passed away. According to the 1860 census, widows Jørgine Pouline and Anne Elisabeth Sophie Harder were residing with Jens Anthon on Strandgaden no. 116 together with three of his four boys. These three boys would later make their way to Australia.

### 3. GRANDPARENTS

**Niels ANTHON**, the father of Jens Anthon, was a shoemaker when he married Maren HANSDATTER at Assens on 17 May 1799. Witnesses to the marriage were Niels Hansen and Knud Rasmussen. Unfortunately no age was given, however, according to the 1801 census Niels was 23 residing with his wife, Maren, aged 29, and son, Anthon Nielsen aged 1 on Ramsherredsgade in Assens. In this particular census, Niels gave his occupation as a ferry seaman.

It is believed Niels was baptised on 21 December 1774 to parents shoemaker Anthon BERTELSEN and Kirsten NIELSDATTER. According to the 1787 census, Anthon BERTELSEN and his family were residing on Strandgaden 12 in Assens.

There was another Niels ANTHON baptised in October 1773 to father shoemaker Anthon BERTELSEN. Witnesses to the baptism included Maria Jensdatter, Christopher Anthonsen, Niels Storms and Hans Søren Jensen. It is presumed this child died in his infancy. It was not unusual when an older child dies that the next child would be given the same name.

There were no other baptism records for Niels ANTHON to tie in with his age in the 1801 census i.e. born around 1778. Nor were there any burial records within the same criteria to pinpoint his correct age.

**Maren HANSDATTER** was 29 in the 1801 census. She was residing with her husband and first born son, Anthon Nielsen, on Ramsherredsgade no. 520 in Assens. According to church records, Anthon Bertelsen was baptised on 30 July 1800 and his parents were identified as Niels Anthonsen and Maren Hansdatter. Witnesses included Niels Willumsen's daughter Anne, Karen Nielsdatter, Peter Madsen, Peter Jensen, Erik Holm and shoemaker Jens Anthon Bertelsen.

This particular baptism record is rather curious in that Anthon should have taken his father's christian name as in Nielsen rather than Bertelsen. Perhaps the name was intended to be Anthon BERTELSEN NIELSEN to preserve the grandfather's name as well. After the 1801 census, Anthon Nielsen's name reappears again in the 1834 census. Here he is aged 34, unmarried and residing with his mother, widow Maren Hansdatter aged 66. Maren was earning a living in spinning while Anthon Nielsen was working as a mariner. Here we have two possible birth year for Maren i.e. 1772 according to the 1801 census or 1765 according to the 1834 census.

Maren died shortly after the 1834 census, on 15 May 1834. Here she is recorded aged 72, which makes her born in 1762. This demonstrates how unreliable census records can be, making it all the more difficult to find her baptism record particularly with Maren Hansdatter being such a common name.

In the church burial record, Maren is also recorded as widow of ferry seaman Niels ANTHON from Assens.

No other children of the marriage have been identified other than Ane Kirstine who died on 15 August 1808 aged 3 weeks. In this instance, her parents were identified as Niels Anthon Bertelsen and Maren Hansdatter.

**Christian Jacobsen HARDER**, the father of Catrine Kirstine Harder, was the son of Jacob HARDER and Elisabeth Sophia JØRGENS DATTER, baptised at Faaborg Church on 1 January 1777. Faaborg parish is just south of Assens and considered one of the prettiest towns in Denmark.

He later moved to Bogense where he married Anne Dorthea PEDERS DATTER on 10 January 1799.

Their first child, Peder Jacobsen Harder, was born six months later. This child was baptised at Bogense Church on 18 July 1799. Their second child, Anne Elisabeth Sophie, was baptised on 27 February 1801.

In the 1801 census Christian was residing with his wife, her parents and their two children. It was a sizeable household with three apprentices and a servant. Both Christian and his father-in-law were tailors, residing on Adelgade no. 241.

In the following census in 1834, Christian was a widow residing with his daughter's family on Østergade no. 70. The daughter is Jørgine Pouline aged 27.

Christian remained with Pouline's family until his death at Bogense on 9 April 1857. He was 80.

**Anna Dorthea PEDERS DATTER**, the mother of Catrine Kirstine Harder, was the daughter of Peder RASMUSSEN and Anne Cathrine HANS DATTER, baptised at Bogense Church on 6 December 1776.

On 10 January 1799, Anna married Christian Jacobsen Harder at the Bogense Church. He was a native of Faaborg on the southwestern coast of the island, Fyn.

Anna and her husband had five children before she passed away at Bogense on 7 May 1827. Anna was known variously as Anne Dorthea Pedersdatter or Anna Dorthea Pedersdatter.

#### 4. GREAT GRANDPARENTS

**Anton BERTELSEN** can be found in the 1787 census residing with his wife, Kirsten NIELSDATTER, and eight children aged between the age of 6 and 21. Among the children is Niels Anton aged 10.

In 1787, Anton BERTELSEN was a shoemaker residing with his family on Strandgaden no. 12. He is aged 50 and his wife is two years younger. This places his birth year at around 1737.

In the 1801 census, Anton is aged 65 placing his birth year at around 1736. However, his wife, Kirsten Nielsdatter, is now five years younger. They have five children residing with them on Strandgaden no. 429. The three eldest of the children, Bertel, Jens and Peter, aged 33, 24 and 22 respectively, are helping their father in the shoemaking business. Anton died at Assens on 12 June 1813 at the age of 80 thereby placing his birth year at around 1733. No further information could be found for Kirsten Nielsdatter.

**Jacob HARDER** can be found in 1787 census residing with his second wife, Elisabeth Sophia JØRGENDATTER, aged 44, and five children whose names were Jørgen, Christian, Peder, Jacob and Anna Cathrine. The family resided on Grønnegade no. 31 at Faaborg. No records have been found of his second marriage, however, it is noted in the Øster Hæsinge parish church record that he became engaged to Kirsten Hansdatter on 16 June 1755. This marriage later took place on 25 July 1755. Like his son, Christian Jacobsen Harder, Jacob Harder was also a tailor.

Jacob Harder was 64 when he passed away at Faaborg on 5 March 1791 placing his birth year at around 1727.

No further information could be found on Elisabeth Sophia Jørgensdatter.

**Peder RASMUSSEN** can be found in the 1787 census residing with his wife, Anne Cathrine HANSDATTER, aged 45, and daughter, Anna Dorthea PEDERSDATTER. The household on Adelgade no. 203 comprised three employees, an apprentice, a servant and an assistant tailor. Peder himself was a tailor aged 40.

In the 1801 census, Peder is now aged 54 while his wife's age has accelerated to 65 thereby placing their year of birth to 1747 and 1736 respectively. There are now four employees in addition to his daughter, Anna Dorthea, and her husband, Christian Jacobsen Harder, who was also a tailor.

Peder died at Bogense on 8 May 1812. He was 65.