






Family Group Sheet for Johanne Marie Johnson


Husband:	Martin Hanson Kofoed	
Birth:	18 Apr 1824 in Kjobenhavn Denmark	
Death:	26 May 1890 in Sister Bay, Door County, Wisconsin	
Burial:	Blossomburg Cemetary Fish Creek, Wisconsin	
Marriage:	02 Dec 1852 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA	
Father:	Nils Johnson Kofod	
Mother:	Grete Marsha Kofod	


Wife:	Johanne Marie Johnson	
Birth:	16 Nov 1833 in Kragerø, Telemark, Norway	
Death:	14 Apr 1930 in St. Louis (city) Missouri	
Burial:	17 Apr 1930 in Oak Grove Cemetery, St. Louis Missouri	
Father:	Johan Albrecht Johnson	
Mother:	Maren Katrine Zakariasen	

Children:			
1	Name:	Lourine Christine Kofoed	
F	Birth:	20 Oct 1860 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin	
	Death:	17 Jul 1895 in Cook, Illinois, USA	
	Burial:	20 Jul 1895 in Mount Olive Cemetery, Chicago Cook County Illinois	
	Marriage:	31 Dec 1879 in Ephraim, Door, Wisconsin, USA	
	Spouse:	Axel Appel	

2	Name:	Martin Albert Koefed	
M	Birth:	24 Jun 1863 in FishCreek, Wi	
	Death:	26 May 1888 in Fishcreek Door County Wisconsin	
	Burial:	1888 in Blossomburg Cemetary, Door County, Wiscosin	

3	Name:	John Christian Koefed	
M	Birth:	04 Mar 1866 in FishCreek, Wi	
	Death:	02 Jul 1875 in FishCreek, Wi	
	Burial:	Blossomburg Cemetery Fish Creek Wi	

4	Name:	Irina Koefed	
F	Birth:	04 Sep 1869	
	Death:	18 Oct 1941	
	Marriage:	30 Aug 1890 in Ephraim, Door County Wisconsin	
	Spouse:	Elmer Hutto	

5	Name:	Johanna Maria Koefed	
F	Birth:	29 Apr 1873 in Fishcreek Door County Wisconsin	
	Death:	22 Jan 1949 in St. Louis (city) Missouri	
	Marriage:	01 Aug 1896 in Milwaukee, Wiscosin	
	Spouse:	Ferdinand Charles Bretsnyder	

Notes:

Martin Hanson Kofoed

Martin Hanson Kofod was born on April 18, 1829 in Copenhagen Denmark to parents Nils Johnson Kofod and Grete Marsha Kofod. We know little of his early life or when he immigrated to the United States.

Martins marriage to Johanne M. Johnson on December 2, 1852 is recorded in the marriage records of Milwaukee Wisconsin, located at the Register of Deeds Office. This record gives us additional information on the parents of both bride and groom.

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The 1860 Census finds Martin and Mary living in New Berlin, Waukesha County (Listed as Martin Koufet). Martin is listed as a cooper, a barrel marker, and the value of his personal property is \$100.00. New Berlin was a rural town west of Milwaukee at this time. They lived in Milwaukee afterward and moved to Door County just prior to 1870. There is a record that Johanna took out a life insurance policy on Martin at this time. (per Lance Bretsnyder)

In 1863 we find Martin Kofod 39 years of age listed in the US Civil War Registration list for the first Congressional District which included the city of Milwaukee. He is listed at this time as a butcher. Though he was registered he did not fight in the Civil War.

The 1870 Census finds Martin and Mary living in the Fish Creek area of Door County Wisconsin. Martin is 45 and listed as a cooper born in Denmark. It does note that he cannot read or write and that he is a legal citizen of the United States. It does not have a value for his real estate or personal property. His children are listed as Lorina, Albert, John and Margaret. Martin became a successful butcher in Blossomburg Wisconsin establishing a good reputation and a business that reach out to many of the surrounding town. We know from articles in the Door County Advocate over the years that he built an early refrigerator and kept stores of beef, venison and mutton as well as fish.

The 1880 census finds Martin and Mary (Listed as Johanna) living probably in the same place in Door county. The enumerations list is for the town of Gibraltar. The unincorporated community of Fish Creek is located in the Town of Gibraltar. Martin is listed as 56, a cooper and has been employed for all 12 months of the year. It says that he was born in Denmark.

An article from the Door County Advocate Newspaper in late May of 1888 reported the drowning of son Albert. It states that he was subjected to epileptic fits and that he fell off the pier during one and drowns in less than four feet of water. It also states that he is the son of Martin the famous Market Man. The article says that the funeral was one of the largest ever seen in Fish Creek and spoke to the high esteem the family was held in.

Martin dies May 26th 1890. An article in the Door County Independent on Friday May 30 1890 stated that he died on Monday and that his daughter Mamie found him sitting in a chair. She ran to a neighbor's C. Lundberg and upon investigation, it was found that he was dead. It was the anniversary of his son's death two year earlier. Martin was buried in Blossomburg Cemetery in Door County, Wisconsin. The cemetery is currently part of the Peninsula State park. A search in the 1980's found no stone for Martin; however I did find the following Kofoed gravestones.

Children of Martin and Marie Kofoed

John Christian
Born May 4 1866
Died July 2 1874

Martin Albert
born June 24 1863
Died May 26 1888

The Kofoed family has roots on the island of Bornholm that go back to 1400. However Martin is not mentioned in the work Stamtaale over Familien Koeford Written by Julius Bidstrup In 1886.

Johanne Marie Johnson

Johanne Marie Johnson (known as Mary) was born on November 16 1833 in Kragerø, Telemark, Norway to Johan Albrecht Johnson and Maren Katrine Zakariasen. We know little of her life in Norway. From an newspaper article in the Door County Advocate in 1930 we know that she left Norway in 1849 at the age of 15. The voyage took 8 weeks and as food ran low they lived on potato skins. At this time famine and difficulties with Swedish regulations on fishing encouraged Norwegian immigration. The family arrived in New York on July 31 1849 on the boat Favorite. Mary arrived with her parents, and five siblings. They

Notes: (con't)

settled in Milwaukee Wisconsin where both parent passed away.

Johanna was married to Martin Kofod on December 2, 1852. The marriage records from Milwaukee are available on the LDS records pilot program. The records are very complete and give us the names of both parents (One additional generation in both families). The record is from microfilm of records at the Milwaukee county courthouse.

The 1860 census finds Mary living in New Berlin, Wisconsin, a small town (now suburb) of Milwaukee and notes she was born in Norway. Daughter Laurine was born in October 20, 1860 followed by Martin in 1863, John in 1866, Irina (Trina) born in 1869. At some point during this decade the family moved to Door County Wisconsin and located at Blossomburg near Fishcreek. The 1930 article states that she had seven children of which we have records of five.

The 1870 Census finds the family located at Fish Creek and states that she is keeping house and has four children. Johanna Maria is born in 1873.

The 1880 census finds Martin and Mary (Listed as Johanna) living probably in the same place in Door county. The enumerations list is for the town of Gibraltar. The unincorporated community of Fish Creek is located in the Town of Gibraltar. Mary is listed as Johanna 46 and keeping house. Albert, Katrine and Maria are living with them.

An article from the Door County Advocate Newspaper in late May of 1888 reported the drowning of son Albert. It states that he was subjected to epileptic fits and that he fell off the pier during one and was drowned in less than four feet of water. The article also states that his mother was with him on the pier and that he seemed to be alright. She left to return to the house for a pail of water. As she entered the house she saw him on the pier. When she came out he had disappeared and she ran to the pier to see him lying under the water.

Martin dies in 1892 and her daughter Johanna married Ferdinand Charles Bretsnyder in 1896. At some point she moved in with her daughter's family. The 1900 census finds her in Chicago, ward five on 22nd Place. She is in the household of her son in law, Ferdinand Bretsnyder. Mary's age is listed as 66, is a widowed and notes she was married for 37 years. The census also states she had seven children of which two are still living. The year of her immigration is listed as 1845, however it was actually 1849.

The 1910 census finds the Bretsnyders relocated to St. Louis Missouri and living at 1420 Obear Avenue. She lives in the household of her son in law. She is 76 and it also state she can read and write and speak English. (We actually know that she was fluent in English, Norwegian and Danish)

The 1920 census finds her again in the Bretsnyder household on Obear in St. Louis. She is 86 years old.

Johanna lived another 10 years passing way at the age of 96 on April 4th 1930. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Louis Missouri located at 7800 Saint Charles Rock Road Normandy, MO 63133.

This is an article from the Door County Advocate
April 25, 1930

EARLY RESIDENT FISH CREEK DIES AT ST. LOUIS, MO

Fish Creek - Mrs. Mary Kofoed, who many years ago, was a resident of Fish Creek, passed away Monday April 14 at 10:30 A.M. at the home of her daughter Mamie (Mrs. F.C. Bretsnyder) 2116 Alice Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. She was born in Kraag, Rae, Norway, and 97 years ago in the year 1833 and came to this country when but 15 years of age with her parents, crossing the ocean in a sailboat. The voyage took 8 weeks.

For a few years the family lived in Milwaukee where both parents passed away. There she married Martin Kofoed, who died 40 years ago and was buried in Blossom burg Cemetery.

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The couple moved to Fish Creek and located at Blossomburg where they lived for many years. Seven children were born to them, two of who are living. Mrs. E. C. Hutto of Sturgeon Bay, and Mrs. F.C. Bretsnyder of St. Louis, Mo. with whom she had made her home. Surviving also are a son in law, 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Rev Elmer L. Brown of the Bowman M.E. church conducted the services and the remains were laid to rest in beautiful Oak Grove Cemetery at St. Louis, MO Thursday afternoon last week.

Mrs. Kofoed was beloved by all who knew her. Her many friends expressed their kindness and sympathy by beautiful floral offerings.

Obituary in the St. Louis Post Dispatch for Wednesday April 16, 1930 Pg. 8 C

Bretsnyder - Koefoed, Mary

2116 Alice Avenue entered into rest on Monday, April 14, 1930, at 10:30 A.M., beloved mother of Mrs. F. C. Bretsnyder and Mrs. E. C. Hutto, our grandmother, great grandmother and sister, in her 97th year.

Funeral Thursday, April 17, at 2:00 PM from Math Herman and Sons Chapel, Fair and West Florissant Avenues. Interment at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Sturgeon Bay (Wisc.) Chicago (Ill.) and Milwaukee (Wisc) papers please copy

Fact Notes for Johanne Marie Johnson

Burial: Buried in the Bretsnyder Family Plot in Oak Grove Cemetery St. Louis Mo

Lourine Christine Kofoed

Laura Christine Kofoed was born in Milwaukee Wisconsin on October 20, 1860. She is the eldest child of Martin Hanson Kofoed and Johanne Marie Johnson. By 1870 she is recorded on the census as living in Gibraltar, Door County Wisconsin and attending school. The area she was raised in was near Fish Creek and is currently part of Peninsula State Park. Although it is not known when she met Axel Appel we do know that they were married on December 31, 1879 at the Moravian Church in Ephraim. Their marriage is recorded in the Door County Marriage Book. The 1880 Census find Laura Appel located in Liberty Grove section of Door County where she is living with her husband Axel and his brother Swen. In 1881 she had her first son Carl Albert and in 1887 she had her second son Ralph Martin. In 1895 Lauras health problems finally cause the family to move to Chicago in hopes that they could find a cure for her problem there. The did not and she is recorded in the State of Illinois, Cook County, Physician Certificate of death as dying July 17 1895 of Acute Hemorrhage Nephritis. She was buried in the MT Olive Cemetery, the cemetery notes she was buried as Lora Apple and on July 20, 1895 in Section 4, Lot 594 in in Chicago. Her death is noted in an article in the Door County Advocate date August 3, 1895.

A BELATED ANNOUNCEMENT

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Axel Appel, which occurred at Chicago on July 17, last, has just been communicated to the Advocate by A. W. Smith of that city. Why this duty was not attended to before we do not know as a matter of course.

Mrs. Appel was the daughter of the late Martin Koefed, the well-known market man of Fishcreek, who preceded his daughter by about three years. At the time of her demise Mrs. Appel was thirty six years of age, and she had been ill for seven years with a disease that baffled the efforts of the best skill in Chicago, and her death was a most welcome relief to her bed of pain and suffering.

A mother, husband, two children and two sisters, as well as many friends at Sturgeon Bay, Fish Creek, Ephraim and Sister Bay survive, all of whom mourn her loss. The remains were buried in Chicago.

Notes: (con't)

Their marriage was noted in an Article from the Door County Advocate January 8, 1880

MARRIED

APPEL-KOEFOED- At Ephraim, Wis. Dec. 31, 1879 by the Rev J.J. Groenfeldt, Mr. Axtel Appel to Miss Louies Koefoed, both of Gibraltar (please note that all spelling mistakes are as they appear in the newspaper.)

Relationship Notes for Axel Appel and Lourine Christine Kofoed

From the Door County Advocate Newspaper (date?)

Married

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Marriage Certificate
Door County Marriage Book
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# 570	Date of Registration	Mar 31, 1880	
	Axel Appel	Laurine Christine Koefed	Farmer
	Res. of Husband	Sister Bay Door Co. WI.	
	Birthplace of Husband	Sweden Europe	
	Place Marriage Contracted	Fishcreek Door Co. WI.	
	Time Marriage Contracted	Dec. 31, 1879	
	Moravian Ceremony		
	Person Pronouncing Marriage	John J. Groenfeldt of Ephraim	
	Subscribing Witnesses	Peter Petersen Carl Sundberg	
	Father/ Mother Husband	Carl Appel Eva Appel	
	Father/ Mother Wife	Martin Koefed/ Johannea Marie Johnson	

(Certificate in file)

Fact Notes for Lourine Christine Kofoed

Burial: Per the management of the cemetery he records show her as Lora Apple and she was buried July 20, 1895 in Section 4, Lot 594.

Martin Albert Koefed

was subjected to Epileptic Fits

Drown In bay near Home

Have article from Door County Advocate about the Drowning

Irina Koefed

Their daughter Katrina married Elanore Hutto in August 1891 in Ephraim, Wis. Three of their children were Gordon, Elda, and Florence. Gordon had Billy and Elaine. I think that Gordon has a daughter who is still living in Madison, Wis.