

The first American Branch of The Roots

Less than two months after having posted The Roots I got contact to my second cousin Larry Grant who could list almost all the missing members of the American Branch of the family. Suddenly the number of descendants of Søren Christensen Tingleff increased from about a hundred to two hundred living family members and when I earlier had known of about 13 American family members it now became a fact that there were more descendants in USA than in Denmark!

I learned as follows about the children of Søren's American son Valdemar (Walter Seren Tingleff).

Walter's oldest son Søren Valdemar Christensen Tingleff left home at age 14. According to Agnes Ellen Parsley who he married nine year later he some years before his marriage changed his name to *Lawrence Valdemar Grant* because of his feelings for his father and being a very proud young man he didn't like people teasing about the name Tingleff. Later on he became a Roofing Superintendent, got seven children including above Larry Grant and have to-day 48 living descendants.

Walter's next child was Jutta Angelica Christensen Tingleff who called herself Marie and got married with Mr. Post. They had an adopted daughter Diedre Post.

No. three was *Julius Christensen Tingleff* who is unknown to day. Maybe he died as a child?

Next Lindhardt Christensen Tingleff came who called himself *Bob Tingleff*. See photo page 23 in The Roots. He was a high structure painter and painted the Golden Gate Bridge a couple of times.

Then Niels Julius Gottlieb Christensen Tingleff came who called himself *Neils Julius Tingleff*. See photo page 23 and text page 22-23 in The Roots. He and his descendants were unknown to Larry Grant until now.

Number six was Helga Dorthea Christensen Tingleff who called herself *Dorothy Brown* (née *Tingleff*). She was Larry Grant's favorite Aunt and he spent his summers with her on an island off the coast of California. In 1966 she was found murdered in a park.

Lat not least *Myrtle Isabell(a) Christensen Steward* née *Tingleff* came. She was the only one who was not christened with a Danish name. She got four children and has to day 38 living descendants although she died only 35 years of age of pneumonia.

Second American Branch of The Roots

Above mentioned Valdemar (Walter Seren Tingleff) immigrated to Sioux City, Iowa on March 20, 1893.

14 months later on May 22, 1894 his first cousin Christian Petersen Tingleff immigrated to Madison, Wisconsin. Walter came first and that is why we can allow ourselves to name Christian and his descendants as *Second American Branch of The Roots*.

Christian was the eighth child out of eleven. His father was Søren Christensen Tingleff's big brother Niels Christensen Tingleff who is mentioned in *The Roots* on page 8 and 10.

As their fathers Niels and Søren were brothers, Christian and Walter were first cousins. The question is whether they knew of each other's existence in USA? I have a letter from Christian, dated 1934 in which he tells as follows: "I know my Uncle has children in this country but I don't remember their names and I have never even seen them." His only uncle on his father's side was Søren, and so there seems to have been knowledge but not acquaintance between the two cousins and their families. In 1998 I received copy of the above letter as well as data of Christian's descendants from his grandson Raymond Donnan's widow Mary Glendora Tingleff.

I have only listed those of Christian's descendants, who use the name Tingleff. This restriction comes from the fact that the *Tingleff Navnebogen* (Tingleff Name Book) only consists of such descendants.

Svend Tingleff