

Missionaries in Norway

The first missionary to Norway was Hans F. Petersen, a convert from Ålborg, Denmark, whose first visit in Østerrisør, Norway lasted from 11-20 Sep 1851. He had to then return to Denmark to obtain the proper papers. On his second trip to Norway, Hans F. Petersen was accompanied by Johan August Ahmanson on 7 Oct 1851.

Local Missionaries

The greatest missionary work in the mid-1800s was done by local missionaries who were called in Denmark to work in their neighborhoods or travel to other areas of Denmark and Scandinavia to do missionary work among their own countrymen.

The following list is quite incomplete to begin with, but hopefully with time can be added to and become a much more complete record.

Name, Age	From	Started-Ended (Time Served)	Missionary Service	Remarks
Hans Peter Jensen	Nørre Sundby, Denmark	Mar 1851-	Mission to Jutland; Jul 1851 to Bornholm; Feb 1852 mission to Norway	
Hans F. Petersen	Ålborg, Denmark	Mar 1851-	Mission to Jutland; Sep 1851 to Norway (Østerrisør, Arendal, Mandal, Bergen)	
Johan F.F. Dorius	Copenhagen (Copenhagen, Denmark)	Aug 1851-1857 (6y)	Mission to Falster (island); Feb 1852 to Ålborg; Jun 1852 to Norway (Brevig); later in NW Sjælland.	Baptized 15 Dec 1850 by Christian Christiansen. Was a local about six years and emigrated to Utah in 1857. Served a mission to Norway 1860-1863 (see No. 4 below) and a second mission to Scandinavia in 1876-1878. Died in Ephraim, Sanpete, Utah 18 Jul 1901.
Niels Hansen	Fyn, Denmark		Mission to Fyn (island) and Norway	
Johan August Ahmanson		Oct 1851-	Mission to Norway. Only stayed a month in Norway. Jun 1852 again to Brevig, Norway.	
Carl Christian Nikolai Dorius	(Copenhagen, Denmark)	c. 1852-1857 (4 1/2y)	Missionary in Norway	Baptized by his brother John F. F. Dorius, 2 Jan 1852. Returned to Norway on a mission 1860-1863 (see No. 3 above). Bishop of Ephraim, Sanpete County, Utah and died at Ephraim 4 Mar 1894.
Svend Larsen	(Østerrisør, Norway)	c.1852-1853	Missionary in Norway. Purchased a part ownership in a sailing vessel which he named <i>Zions Love</i> in which he carried missionaries on a number of trips from place to place in Norway and Denmark.	Baptized by O.C. Nilson 23 Sep 1851. Emigrated to Utah 1853-1854. Returned to Norway on a mission 1865-1867 (see No. 9 below). Died in Mount Pleasant, Utah 3 Apr 1886.

Carl C.A. Christensen	Mt. Pleasant, Utah (Copenhagen, Denmark)	c.1852-1857 (4 1/2y)	Missionary in Denmark and Norway; President of the Brevig (Christiania) Conference (2 years)	Baptized 26 Sep 1850 by George P. Dykes. Emigrated to Utah in 1857. Returned to Norway on mission 1865-1868 (see No. 11 below). Composed a number of Danish hymns which became very popular. Died as patriarch in Ephraim, Sanpete, Utah 3 Jul 1912.
Hans Peter Lund	(Neksø, Bornholm, Denmark)	c.1854-1858 (4y)	Missionary in Denmark; President of the Norwegian mission.	Baptized 17 Sep 1853. Emigrated to Utah in 1858. Returned to Denmark on a mission 1860-1863 (see Denmark No. 17). Died 19 Jun 1880 at Huntsville, Weber, Utah.
Carl Widerborg	(Göteborg, Sweden)	c.1854-1860	Missionary in Norway for a short time; translator at the mission office in Copenhagen for several years; 1858 President of the Scandinavian Mission succeeding Hector C. Haight.	Baptized by Svend Larsen 4 Mar 1853. Emigrated to Utah in 1860. Returned to Denmark on a mission 1864-1868 (see Denmark No. 29). Died in Ogden, Utah 12 Mar 1869.
Saamund Gudmundsen	(Hvideseid, Telemark, Norway)	c.1855-1861 (6 y)	Missionary in Norway; President of the Brevig Conference (3 years)	Baptized by Johan Johansen at Frederikstad 1 Oct 1854. Emigrated to Utah in 1861. Went back to Scandinavia on a missions in 1867-1869 (see No. 13 below & Denmark No.44), 1881-1884, and 1886-1890. Died in Springville, Utah 2 Apr 1901.

Foreign Missionaries

The first missionaries in Norway were recent converts to the church from Denmark. Except for one missionary in 1854, there were no missionaries from North America in Norway before 1860. From 1860-1877 there was an average of just under three missionaries from North America in Norway per year in Norway. From 1878-1892 there was an average of 10 foreign missionaries in Norway per year. From 1892-1897 the number of foreign missionaries rose from 16 to 27. The highest number of foreign missionaries in Norway averaged 54 per year from 1898-1914, the highest number being 71 in 1907. Almost all of the foreign missionaries returned to the United States at the beginning of the first World War. Only one foreign missionary was listed in Norway in 1919.

Some missionaries served in more than one country of Scandinavia and are listed more than once. A few missionaries spent time in Sweden while assigned as traveling elders in the Scandinavian Mission or members of the Scandinavian Mission presidency. For those you will need to see the [Danish missionary site](#).

No.	Name, Age	From	Started-Ended (Time Served)	Missionary Service	Remarks
1	Erik Goudason Midboen Hogan, 50	Bountiful, Utah (born Tins, Norway)	12 Feb 1853-Nov 1854 (1y, 10m)	Labored as a missionary in Norway and presided a short time over the Brevig (Christiania) Conference.	Emigrated to America in 1837 and became a convert to Mormonism in La Salle County, Illinois in 1842 or 1843. He migrated to Great Salt Lake Valley in 1848 and settled in Bountiful, Davis County, where he died 21 Jun

					1876.
2	Canute Peterson, 28	Lehi, Utah (born Hardanger, Norway)	12 Feb 1853-29 Nov 1855 (2y, 4m)	Labored in Norway and presided over the Brevig (Christiania) Conference, after Erik G.M. Hogan; he returned home as leader of the sixth company of emigrating saints from Scandinavia.	Emigrated to America in 1837 and was baptized in La Salle County, Illinois 12 Aug 1842. He preached the Gospel successfully to Norwegians and others in Wisconsin and migrated to Salt Lake Valley in 1849. He was one of the first settlers of Lehi, Utah County in 1850. Elder Peterson died as president of the Sanpete Stake of Zion 14 Oct 1902.
3	Carl Christian Nikolai Dorius, 30	Ephraim, Utah (born in Copenhagen, Denmark)	3 Sep 1860-30 Apr 1863 (2y, 8m)	Labored as a traveling elder in Norway.	Baptized by his brother John F. F. Dorius, 2 Jan 1852. Was a local missionary in Norway. Emigrated to Utah in 1857. Was a bishop of Ephraim, Sanpete County, Utah. Died at Ephraim 4 Mar 1894.
4	Johan F.F. Dorius, 28	Ephraim, Utah (Copenhagen, Denmark)	4 Sep 1860-30 Apr 1863 (2y 8m)	Traveling elder in Norway	Baptized 15 Dec 1850 by Christian Christiansen. Was a local missionary in Denmark and Norway. Emigrated to Utah in 1857. Filled another mission to Scandinavia in 1876-1878. Died in Ephraim, Sanpete, Utah 18 Jul 1901.
5	Hans Olin Hansen, 24	Hyrum, Utah (Norway)	4 Sep 1860-9 May 1861 (c. 8m)	Missionary in Norway	Died 5 Oct 1920 in Hyrum, Utah.
6	Johan P.R. Johansen, 36	Provo, Utah (Lindved, Vejle, Denmark)	11 Jan 1861-10 Apr 1864 (2y 3m)	Presided for two years over the Fredericia Conference and one year in Norway.	Baptized 7 Dec 1851 by Christian J. Larsen. President of the Greis Branch. Emigrated to Utah in 1853-1854. Presided for many years as bishop of the Provo First Ward, and died in Provo, Utah 9 Jul 1910.
7	John Gray, 17	SLC, Utah (Nauvoo, Illinois)	8 Aug 1863-May 1864 (c. 9m)	Short time in Fredericia Conference, Denmark. Later in Norway. Excommunicated because of relationship with a Danish sister.	Baptized in 1853.
8	Geo. M. Brown, 21	Provo, Utah (Macedonia, Hancock, Illinois)	8 Aug 1863-2 Jun 1866 (2y 9m)	Traveling elder in Norway. Later presided over the Christiania Conference.	Baptized in summer of 1851 in Pottawattamie Co, Iowa. Arrived in Utah in 1852. Died 6 Jul 1894 at Colonia Diaz, Chihuahua, Mexico.
9	Svend Larsen, 49	Mount Pleasant, Utah (Østerrisør, Norway)	2 Aug 1865-13 Jun 1867 (1y 10m)	Traveling elder in Norway.	Baptized by O.C. Nilson 23 Sep 1851. First Norwegian baptized in Scandinavia. Was a local missionary in Norway. Sailor. Emigrated to Utah 1853-1854. Died in Mount Pleasant, Utah 3 Apr 1886.

10	Chr. O. Folkmann, 37	Plain City, Utah (Bornholm, Denmark)	2 Aug 1865-29 May 1868 (2y 9m)	Traveling elder in Norway and later president of the Göteborg Conference.	Baptized by Jens Jørgensen 29 Nov 1851. Was a local missionary in Denmark about six years. Emigrated to Utah in 1858. Died 14 Nov 1915 at Far West, Weber, Utah.
11	Carl C.A. Christensen, 33	Mt. Pleasant, Utah (Copenhagen, Denmark)	20 Aug 1865-May 1868 (2y 9m)	Traveling elder in Norway. Later president of the Brevig (Christiania) Conference.	Baptized 26 Sep 1850 by George P. Dykes. Was a local missionary in Denmark and Norway. Emigrated to Utah in 1857. Composed a number of Danish hymns which became very popular. Died as patriarch in Ephraim, Sanpete, Utah 3 Jul 1912.
12	Fred C. Andersen, 25	SLC, Utah (Ullerup, Island of Fyn, Denmark)	23 Aug 1865-20 Oct 1866 (1y2m)	Traveling elder in Norway and later president of the Göteborg Conference, Sweden. Finished his mission in England.	Baptized by Peter Petersen 24 Aug 1858. Emigrated to Utah in 1859.
13	Saamund Gudmundsen, 36	Fairview, Utah (Hvideseid, Telemark, Norway)	27 Jul 1867-10 Jul 1869 (2 y)	Traveling elder and later president of the Christiania Conference, Norway.	Baptized by Johan Johansen at Frederikstad 1 Oct 1854. Missionary in Norway about six years, the last three years as president of the Brevig Conference and emigrated to Utah in 1861. Died in Springville, Utah 2 Apr 1901.
14	Christian Daniel Fjeldsted, 38	Sugarhouse, Salt Lake, Utah (Sundbyvester, Copenhagen, Denmark)	31 Jul 1867-15 Jul 1870 (3y)	President of the Ålborg Conference; traveling elder in the Scandinavian Mission; president of the Christiania Conference, Norway.	Baptized 20 Feb 1852 by Christian Samuel Hansen. Was a local missionary in Denmark and Norway. Emigrated to Utah with his family in 1858. Served additional missions to Scandinavia in 1881-1884 and 1886-1890 (No. 281, 512). Died as one of the seven presidents of the seventies in Salt Lake City 23 Dec 1905.
15	Arne Christiansen Grue, 35	SLC, Utah (Norway)	31 Jul 1867-30 Aug 1872 (5y)	Watchmaker in Denmark & Norway; traveling elder in Norway; presided over the Jönköping Conference, Sweden.	Baptized in 1859. Emigrated to Utah several years later. After his mission, resided in Ogden, Utah and died 4 Jun 1897 in Swan Lake, Idaho (buried in Oxford).
16	Lars Peter Borg, 35	SLC, Utah (Anderslöf, Malmöhus, Sweden)	2 Jul 1869-15 Jul 1870 (2y)	Traveling elder in Norway and later in Skåne Conference, Sweden.	Baptized by Jens Jenson 20 Aug 1857. Was a local missionary in Sweden. Emigrated to Utah in 1860. Died in Salt Lake City (Farmer's Ward) 3 Jan 1904.
17	Mons Anderson, 41	Lehi, Utah (Ringsager, Hedemark, Norway)	5 Jun 1870-30 Aug 1872 (2y, 3m)	Temporary president of the conference in Norway and later traveling elder there.	Emigrated to America in 1848. Lived in Wisconsin. In 1852 started for California but after arriving in SLC, Utah on 25 Jun 1852, was converted through Orson Pratt's sermon and baptized 9 Jul 1852 by Robert T. Burton, staying in Utah. After his mission,

					continued living in Lehi, Utah and filled a mission in the United States. Died in Lehi Sep 1908.
18	Peter Andreas Brown (Bruun), 29	Coalville, Utah (Frederikstad, Norway)	5 Jul 1870-13 Oct 1871 (1y, 3m)	Traveling elder and later president of the Christiania Conference, Norway.	Baptized in the summer of 1855 in the Missouri River on his way to Utah. Emigrated to Utah 1854-1855. Resided in Coalville, Summit, Utah and in 1925 in Salt Lake City where he was an ordinance worker in the Salt Lake Temple. He died 6 Jan 1925 in Tooele, Utah.
19	Jens Christian Andersen Weibye, 46	Manti, Utah (Vejby, Hjørring, Denmark)	6 May 1871-29 Aug 1873 (2y, 3m)	Traveling elder in Norway and president of Christiania Conference for 1 year 10 months after visiting relatives in Jutland, Denmark. Returned to Utah as leader of the 38 th Company of emigrating members from Scandinavia.	Baptized by Jens Peter Jensen 16 Apr 1854. Local missionary in Vendsyssel. Emigrated to Utah in 1862. After his mission, tithing clerk for many years in Manti, Utah and later served another mission to Scandinavia. Died in Manti 25 Feb 1891, shortly after having served a term in the Utah Penitentiary "for conscience's sake".

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