

Chris Bolineus Hansen

Chris Hansen was born on January 24th, 1893, in Ålborg, Denmark, to Else Hansen. His father was unable to be found, but Else is listed as a widow by the 1911 Denmark Census. In 1912, at the age of 19, Chris immigrated to the United States. He stayed at a border with the Carlson family in South Saint Paul. Prior to his military service, he was working as a carpenter for the Platte Valley Building Company.

Chris registered for the WWI draft on May 29th, 1917, at the age of 24. His immigration status at the time was that he had submitted his Declaration of Intent papers which informed the U.S. Government that he was intending on becoming a U.S. Citizen and was no longer in allegiance with his country of birth. He enlisted into the Army on July 26th, 1918, with Company "C," 5th Pioneer Infantry American Expeditionary Forces (AEF). He was discharged on July 7th, 1919.

Almost a year after Chris was discharged, he married Esther C. Carlson on May 1st, 1920. She was one of the daughters of the family that Chris boarded within South Saint Paul. They had two sons, Harry C. Hansen, in 1922 and Robert E. Hansen, in 1926. Esther died on March 4th, 1931, at the age of 37. He married Emma C. Carlson, Esther's little sister, on September 2nd, 1932. They did not have children together. Chris worked as a building contractor during his post-military career. He died on June 4th, 1981, at the age of 88. He is buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery.



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