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SORENSEN, DAVID P.

An Episode in the Life of David P. Sorenson of Brooten, Minnesota

At the age of five, David Sorenson bid his sister goodbye with the rehearsed and well-committed statement taught him by his father that he "would return in five years." His mother was dead; the other children were adopted by relatives, and his father decided to leave his native Denmark and go to the more promised America. He was determined to take his son with him against the advice of friends, and it was shortly before their departure that young David took leave of his still younger sister.

The father and son set sail and arrived in America. They went to Kansas where they lived for a time. Then they moved to Racine, Wisconsin. David's father remarried and continued to live there. When David grew, he moved about. In 1885, his father died. In 1887, he was in Santa Anita, California. From there he wrote his sister. He continued moving about until his marriage. Years went by and he realized he had lost contact with his sister. Addresses were lost and David could not recall it.

In the summer of 1933, David appealed to the Danish Consul at Minneapolis and found her. She was living at Lolundborg, Denmark. She had married Lers Clauson, a Danish school teacher. He had taught for thirty years and retired on a pension. David's sister had three children with families of their own.

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