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Ala. Loge No. 111 1898

Loge No.	Medlem No.	FULDE NAVN	FODESTED	Bopæl	Livsvilling	Alder	Fødselsdag og Aarstal
1	8470	Pedersen G.	Sonder Longelse	Austin	Formand	34	18. Dec. 1864
3	8472	L. P. Erikson	Smørumhøvd. Troløst. "	"	Tømmer	30	6. Maj 1868
4	8473	Robert Johnson	Fugleholte, Langeland "	"	Fløjter	42	18. Juni 1866
5	8474	Lars Hansen	Nokke, Tveden, Søgne "	"	Smed	40	16. Maj 1858
6	8475	Christ Hansen	Lambvig, Hory, Als "	"	Farmer	47	20. Juni 1851
8	8477	Nicolaj Laurson	Lambvig " Als "	"	Farmer	40	9. Feb. 1858
10	8479	Nels Mikkelson	Brinsdale, Hvidebølle, Roshus	"	Murer	33	18. Okt. 1865
13	8482	P. H. Dinsen	Torpe, Hvidebølle, Grundbølle, Aul	Lyle	Farmer	39	27. April 1859
14	8483	Andrew Hansen	Hvidebølle, Hvidebølle, Aul	Austin	Farmer	32	17. Feb. 1866
15	8484	Jacob Jacobson	Hvidebølle, Hvidebølle, Aul	Lyle	Farmer	32	27. " 1866
18	8487	L. P. Johnson	Hvidebølle, Hvidebølle, Aul	Austin	Møller	26	20. Juni 1872

One of the most useful sources for finding where immigrant families came from in Denmark is the membership rolls of lodges belonging to the Danish Brotherhood in America. A fraternal organization formed in 1882 from several Danish veterans' organizations and headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska, the organization quickly gained adherents in many Danish immigrant communities. In the following five decades nearly 350 lodges were formed in the US and Canada before membership waned due to assimilation and the consequent loss of Danish identity. Some 50 lodges surviving today are the backbone of the preservation of traditional Danish culture, food-ways and customs. Membership, which was originally restricted to Danish-born men of good character, included death and disability insurance, and was a chief reason why many men joined the organization, although membership in any fraternal organization was discouraged among religious groups such as Danish Baptists and Inner Mission-oriented congregations. Membership records, such as the above, the initial page of DB Lodge #111 in Austin, Minnesota, include such details as places and dates of birth, occupations, insurance beneficiaries, dates of membership, transfers to and from other lodges, and for members at the time, dates of death. Fortunately, the membership rolls for most lodges have survived and are in the Danish American Archives and Library at Dana College in Blair, Nebraska. Lodge rolls have been indexed by the FHGC to allow easy access to the information on members, which sometimes numbered in the hundreds. Individuals interested in finding out if their ancestors were members of the Danish Brotherhood may find contact information in the Library & Genealogy section of the museum webpage.

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