

Princess, Midwife, Doris Lorentzen



Doris Lorentzen (*ancestor through Grandma Marguerite Green Blair's side, see Issue 19*) was born in northern Germany or Prussia in 1829. Her mother had an arranged marriage at 15, but her husband died early and left her a wealthy young widow with property. She later got a job as a castle housekeeper and soon after married Lorentz Lorentzen, castle coachman of Danish King Frederick VI. The mother was accepted as a member of the court and admired by the King—so much so that her daughter, Doris, was fathered by the King. The king and the court officially recognized this. Doris' relationship with her father was sweet and she recalled that when she would see him, he would always take her on his lap no matter what kind of meeting or situation he was in. Doris was taught with the King's other children and accepted as a princess, with proper training and privileges, including learning five languages in her childhood. She was known to have "high intellectual powers." It is unclear why Doris left the castle, but it was around her teen years.

She married Hans Petersen, a wealthy farmer, when she was 22. They seemed to have a good life and were considered a "gentle couple." Hans was particularly good with horses. They had their first child, Josephine (who is in the Blair direct line) and a son before they immigrated to the states. Doris and her mother were taught by Erastus Snow and joined the church. Hans joined later but he said it took him three times before

he got baptized—he kept walking away when he got close to the water. The missionaries tried to convince Doris to leave her family and come to the states, but Doris refused. Finally, Hans was baptized and agreed to immigrate to the states and follow the pioneer trail.

They trekked across the country with the Danish company pioneers. The company was very successful, possibly due to Hans' expertise with horses and wagons. They settled in Hyrum Utah and had both good and bad experiences setting up a farm and working with the community. Hans felt remorse for the life he left behind and questioned in disbelief: "This is Zion? This is Zion?" What put him over the edge was an argument with a bishop over land and tithing. Apparently, Hans believed he had been excommunicated, but he had not. However, Doris and Hans got divorced in 1867 when she was 38 years old and had 5 children ages 1-15. Hans had negative interactions with the church but always maintained respect for Doris. He would tell his grandchildren, "Be good to your grandmother, she is the best woman in the world." He maintained good relations with all his family for all of his life.

Doris never remarried. For a time after the divorce she was poor and did what work she could to make ends meet. She inherited some money from Denmark which was helpful. She was always known to be very generous even when she couldn't afford it. When she was 49, she was asked by Brigham Young to be a midwife. She practiced that for 41 years and felt it was both meaningful work and a calling that gave her special authority. Her delivery charge was \$3. Noting her generosity (and inheritance) she would often give part of the fee back to the children as well as buy all of the necessary medicine. It's estimated that she delivered around 1,200 children. She practiced until she was 89 years old. She died when she was 90. A doctor who worked with her and asked to speak at her funeral said, "She deserves just as much credit as the physicians of today. She did not claim to know everything. She said to me, "Dr. Budge, I do not know much, but I am doing just as good as I can."

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Margaret & Bruce Young



The Youngs are still in their adorable cottage in Provo, and recently served a mission to Mbuji Mayi, DR-Congo. They continue working with their organization, Congo Rising.

Kaila is now a music teacher and a rock star with her band, FLAT EARTH. She and Noah and their three offspring go on adventures at will since they have a 5th wheel.

Rob and Heather teach at Snow College and recently bought a home in Provo.

Julie, Travis, Olive, and Jude light up the photo scene throughout the USA. Julie gets to travel quite a bit with her company, Datura Photo.

Michael currently works at Jiffy Lube and occasionally does stand-up comedy, which we love.

We are happy just where we are and love this season of life!

Dell & Kathleen Blair

Kathleen continues to work for the Church boundaries and leadership office and, along with Daniel, is volunteering a lot



Kassidy & Adam



of time at the Brent Orrin Hatch for senate campaign. You can see Daniel's work here: <https://www.electhatch.com/>

Dell is mostly recovered from a troubling inflammation of his heart muscle. He still swims every day and is working on the fulfillment of a task left to him from his Dad: an immersive environment for language acquisition and other learning.

Daniel continues to create 3D assets which are marketed to film and gaming companies.

Adam is planning to marry Kassidy Rinehart in August of this year. He has been coordinating human subject cancer research for the past several years and has joined one of his old missionary companions on exotic motorcycle journeys in Vietnam, Nepal, Romania, and this year in Colombia.

Cierra and Ben Block have added British citizenship to their assets and Cierra's book London Block by Block, is on its third printing. Last year she added New York Block by Block, which is also a big seller, and Paris Block by Block, which is just out. Clementine (their daughter) will turn seven this year and is deeply involved with school, swimming, and the arts.

Bob & Christy Blair



L to R: Faith, Annie, Justin, Bob, Christy, Amanda, Elaina.

Bob turned 65 in November and started on Medicare. He's retired but stays active playing pickleball and racquetball. Christy also plays pickleball regularly. She most enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Justin and Faith have moved to the Fort Worth area where Justin continues to work for Lockheed Martin, focusing mainly on the F-35 aircraft. Faith works for a company that launches satellites and has been involved in multiple launches. They have a beautiful 3-year old daughter, Annie.

Amanda continues to work for Icon Engineering as a water engineer. She attends school part-time and is taking some fun woodworking classes. She also loves scuba diving in Cozumel.

Elaina is in her fifth year of a Ph.D. program in chemical engineering at University of California Santa Barbara. She enjoys working in a lab and doing various experiments with microbes. She loves the weather in Santa Barbara and has made some wonderful friends there. Still, she's hoping to graduate and find a good job in the biopharmaceutical industry.

Jenette & Kevin Lambert



L: Jenny & Jennette at craft fair. R: Aly & Dave Snow.

Jen and Kevin Lambert live in Yachats, Oregon but will likely move to the state of Washington in the near future to be closer to Aly and Dave.

Kevin is still dealing with chronic health issues, but has a will to live!

Jen is working as a telehealth expert for the VA and loves gardening and living right across the street from the ocean.

Aly and Dave live in Puyallup, WA, where Aly is a professor of organic chemistry at Perce University. If anyone can make chemistry fun, Aly can! She uses a lot of creativity in her teaching.

Jenny loves rocks and crafts. This year she spent a week with her sister and her Aunt Margaret in AZ at the world's largest rock conference. Jenny also loves creating crafts, earrings, and has many of her crane earrings in Galleries on the Oregon coast. She is also a vendor of costume accessories at Renaissance festivals in Oregon and Washington.

Lisa & Mark Sabey

Mark and Lisa Sabey: We have 6 children, 15 grandchildren and one on the way. Brian and Dia are expecting #7 and live in Centennial, CO. One thing we've learned from them is when something frustrating happens, take your phone out and film it. That seems to force a bit of objectivity to oil, flour, and sugar strewn across the kitchen floor. David and Danielle just had #4, Isaac Michael. They live in Henderson, NV and love family bike rides. It's faster and often more fun than walking. They also love all the many hikes near them. Josh and Sarah have two sons, they live in Arbon, ID and have taught us the love of beautiful views. Their home is small, old, sometimes cold, far from a grocery store, but the views are breathtaking. Matt and Taylor live in Raleigh, NC with their three daughters. They understand the power of owning your own business. Matt and Taylor work hard and have the freedom to take time off when needed or sometimes just wanted. Rachel and Javi live in Brooklyn, NY and find joy in big city life. They love the unique



Sabey Family

shops, plant nurseries, diversity of food, and entertainment options around—mostly within walking distance. Daniel and Emily live in Ithaca, NY and love exploring and learning. They love nature, sports, discussion groups, good foods, and gatherings to play games (often in their home.) Mark is talking about retirement and Lisa is wondering what it would take to make an NPO financially stable. Mostly we are deeply grateful for our lives full of family, friends and faith.

Jim & Traci Blair



Jim & Traci Blair Family.

Jim and Traci are coming up on five years in Ohio! We love to have visitors!

We moved here to take over management of 11 charter schools. The schools are for students who have dropped out of high school. We work to get them back on track and especially to learn a trade so they can get a good job.

Amber, Spencer, Essie and Eddie live in Bentonville, Arkansas. Essie just turned four years old in February. Eddie will be two in May. Amber and Spencer light up the primary as accompanist and chorister! This family is OUTSIDE as often as they can be!

Kristen, Alex, Gwenny, and Charlie live in Toronto, Canada. Alex is a professor of economics at the University of Toronto and Kristen is in a PhD program. Gwenny turned four and Charlie just hit the nine month mark.

Lauren lives in downtown Columbus and is taking the town by storm in her role as Education & Community Engagement Manager for the fabulous Promusica orchestra.

Sophie lives in Provo and may be the most popular music teacher in Utah Valley! She has dozens of students and teaches them so much more than music. And if you can imagine stretching beyond that, Soph is also certifying as a yoga instructor!

Ben & Gabby Blair

Ben and Gabrielle: We're living in Normandy France and working on remodelling our home. It was built in the 1400s, so it's one part construction, one part archeology.

Ben is directing Newlane University, and Gabby directs Alt Summit conference and writes Designmom. We love where we live, but we wish it was easier to get our whole family together more frequently!

Gabby's book "Ejaculate Responsibly: A Whole New Way to Think About Abortion" was a New York Times Bestseller, and it has been translated into 12 languages so far.

Ralph finished a film degree and is now living in Provo producing films for the podcast "Breaking Down Patriarchy".

Maude finished an English degree and is living in Normandy after a stint in Charlotte North Carolina, and is considering applying to Masters degree programs.



Ben & Gabby Blair Family.

Olive finished a film degree and is living in New York working in event planning.

Oscar is attending University College of Dublin and studying creative writing.

Betty is completing her senior year in Normandy and is applying to universities in France.

Flora June is finishing 8th grade in Normandy.

Carolyn & Dan Madsen

Daniel and Carol love living in Idaho Falls. For me, it feels like coming back to my roots. Daniel is working and trying to figure out how to work less. But even if he gets time off work, home projects seem to call him. He is good at repairs and mostly enjoys the challenge. He recently fixed leaky pipes, removed wet carpet, and, on a brighter side, built an impressive playhouse under the stairs. We have hope in the idea that if we build it, they will come. This is timely since we have two grandchildren and one on the way.

Lindsey, Ryan, Tad, and Ivy Mae live in Palo Alto. They love the weather, the enclosed huge courtyard with playgrounds for the kids to bike and play, and the friends they have made. We're not sure when Lindsey will finish her PhD program, but it could be in a year or two. Ryan is working at a law firm and trying to find a good work life balance.

Kimberly and Chris are in Nebraska while Kimmer is working on a genetic counseling degree. This is her first year in a two year program. She enjoys her cohort and most of her classes. Chris is getting his EMT certificate, working as a medical assistant, and hoping to get into med school. They are expecting their first child in October.

Rachel and Nathan are in Provo. They keep themselves super busy with work, school, projects, and social events. Rachel's getting a degree in secondary English teaching. Next year she will student teach in Houston. Nathan is working with solar energy and has lots of side gigs as well. He is fully recovered from his scooter accident for anyone who was aware of that last fall.

Grace is a senior at Idaho Falls High School and is planning on attending Utah State in the Fall. She is driven to excel academically and has passed all expectations there. She also enjoys cross country, track, and texting her friends. She works for our neighbor preparing food, grocery shopping, and cleaning. She should be well prepared to be on her own.

Jane, a freshman, is already sad to consider that she will be the only child home next year. She wants us to get a foreign exchange student to counter the loneliness. Luckily she has good friends, enjoys competing with her academic decathlon



Madsens in Tulum Mexico.

team (where they took 3rd in state), and loves singing and musical theater.

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