



Last week Bryan and Karen Railey (standing) met Terry Webb at Oakridge Cemetery in Dannebrog and he put the marker on the cemetery plot marking what was previously an unmarked grave of one of her ancestors. She said she is glad to have the grave marked and is concerned with more cremations and families taking care of the possession of the ashes, it may be much harder to find records in years to come.— Photo courtesy of Marilyn Nelson

Unmarked Grave Found and Marked in Dannebrog

Once again, someone searching the internet for family genealogy has led to finding an unmarked grave in Dannebrog. And, like before, that grave is now marked with a tombstone.

Karen Railey of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, was looking for information about an ancestor—Christen Peter Petersen. He was born June 1862 in Jutland, Denmark, and came with his parents, Jens M. and Karen Petersen and settled at Dannebrog. In 1915 Christen and his wife, Karen Trina Kaae, operated a store in Dannebrog for two years. His brothers, P.S. Pe-

tersen and P.O. Petersen, are well known names in Dannebrog history,

Railey contacted the village office, but they had no record of his burial. Terry Webb contacted Marilyn Nelson, who has done other searches for families. While she didn't have a record of Christen, when Karen mentioned the names of his wife and son, Marilyn found them listed. Christen's son, Alfred, died in 1916, and his wife, Karen, in 1933. It was learned that Christen lived his last years until his death in 1941 living with a

son in Wyoming. Railey received a copy of Christen's death certificate and obituary, both telling he was also buried in Dannebrog. Webb and Nelson agreed that he would have been buried on the lot beside his wife and son, both marked graves, which also has a large Petersen marker on the lot.

Karen and her husband, Bryan Railey, purchased a tombstone and while in Dannebrog recently Terry Webb placed it on the lot, which now marks the grave of Christen Petersen.