

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Nelson, Christian W. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Hancock County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 12. Dec 1859 Lolland, Denmark

2. Marriage (s) date place

Bessie Nelson 8 Nov 1859

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Association; 30 years;  
He was president of the Farmers National Bank of Garner, Iowa for 3 years

B. Civic responsibilities Farm Bureau

C. Profession Farmer; insurance business

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 42<sup>nd</sup>, 43<sup>rd</sup> General Assemblies 1927, 1929

6. Public Offices

A. Local Hancock County Board of Supervisors; assessor for 2 terms;  
president of the School Board of Concord Township

B. State He held in the Farmers State Grain Dealers Association  
for 16 years; vice-president of the Farmers Elevator Insurance Association

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 29 Feb 1944, Garner, Iowa; buried Concord Cemetery, Garner, Iowa

8. Children Raymond (died 8 Feb 1954); Elmer; Earl Claire; Lela Ruth (Mrs. W.

Jennings) Anderson; Harry Arthur (died 1 Sept 1910); Winifred Marie (Mrs. Edward W. Bradwell,  
and later Mrs. Clinton Denfeld); son died 26 Dec 1895

9. Names of parents James J. and Anna Gertrude (Nielsen) Nelson

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Other applicable information

*Republican*

- *He immigrated to the United States in 1871.*
- *He lived on a farm near Clear Lake, Iowa for 15 years.*
- *Before age 21 he purchased his first farm 2 1/2 miles west of Garner.*
- *After marriage he and his wife lived on their farm near Garner for 11 years.*
- *Then they moved to a farm in the SE 1/4 of Section 28 living there 24 years.*
- *They then moved to Garner, Iowa where he later died.*
- *His wife, Bessie, was born 16 Nov 1873 at Garner, died 13 July 1947,  
also buried in Concord Cemetery, Garner, Iowa.*





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# C. H. NELSON, 84, PIONEER RESIDENT OF GARNER, DIES

### FUNERAL WILL BE THURSDAY, 2 P. M. AT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

C. H. Nelson, 84, pioneer resident of this locality, died suddenly of a heart attack about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in rooms over Kraus store. While Mr. Nelson had not been as well as usual recently, yet he had suffered no definite illness.

Mr. Nelson was born Dec. 12, 1859 in Denmark and immigrated to this country with his parents in 1871. He lived on a farm near Clear Lake about 15 years, and did some work in the Garner vicinity. He was one of the earliest men in Garner.

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## Hayfield Pupils Sell \$2,000 Worth War Stamps This Year

Special to Garner Leader and Hayfield—The Consolidated school pupils have a very good record for buying war stamps having purchased over \$2,000 worth this school year. Tuesday is designated as stamp day and Tuesday week more than \$300 worth was sold. A recent contest for the pupil writing the best poetry stimulating bonds and stamps was won by a freshman, I. Holecek, daughter of Mr. and James Holecek.

## BONNIE J. PRINGLE, COXSWAIN GEORGE PITKIN WED SUN

### AFTER SHORT WEDDING GROOM WILL REPORT BACK TO NAVY

Special to Garner Leader and Hayfield—Sunday, Feb. 2 1:00 o'clock in the Methodist church here was solemnized the wedding of Miss Bonnie Jean Pringle, youngest daughter of Mrs. Elsie M. Pringle and Coxswain George Pitkin of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Pitkin, Ellington township, with the Rev. J. Gjelmaas, pastor of the church officiating. Only relatives and contracting parties were in attendance.

The bridal couple was attended by Miss Eunice Blank, a cousin of the bride, and Donald Johnson. The wedding march was played by Norma Dean Pringle, sister of the bride, and Mrs. Matt Porter. "O Promise Me" and "I Love Truly", accompanied by Miss Pringle. Abe V. Geddes, an uncle of the bride in marriage.

The bride was dressed in a gown trimmed in white lace and carried red roses. She wore a gold locket, a present from the groom and also a gold bracelet which her mother wore on her wedding day. The bridesmaid wore a blue dress and carried pink and white carnations. The groom wore the blue of the navy a



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Mr. Nelson helped to organize the various community clubs around Garner, and he had been president of the Concord Progressive Community club since it was organized.

Surviving are the widow, five children, Ray and Mrs. E. W. Bradwell, Garner; Elmer, Duluth, Minn.; Earl Glendale, Calif.; Mrs. Jennings Anderson, Klemme; eight grandchildren, and one brother, Nels-Hanson, Mason City. Two children, an infant son and a son, Harry, age 4, preceded him in death.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the United Presbyterian church, with Dr. W. A. Pollock in charge. Burial will be in Concord cemetery.

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The bride has lived here her entire life and attended the local high school, graduating with the class of 1938. She was active in school and church activities. The groom has resided in this locality all his life and attended the country schools and assisted in farming until entering the navy in December, 1941. He took his training at Great Lakes, Ill., and at once assigned to a destroyer which he has been on duty since that time having crossed the Atlantic several times on convoy duty.

After a short wedding trip to Moines he will report to the U. S. C., for duty and the bride will return to her home here.

Those attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Lacker and family of Chariton, the Alvin Larson family of Moines, Ill., and G. S. Rikke, of New





"The Nedveds" Dec. 1988: Kim, Mary with Laura, Arlyn and Jill.

Arlyn started working at Hayfield Industries in 1973 and in 1979 he became co-owner of Hayfield Industries. He manufactures fiberglass parts for various companies. His business is in what used to be Hayfield School.

He is very active in many sports — hunting, fishing (summer and winter), basketball and softball. He has just started playing golf.

Arlyn and Mary were blessed with three daughters: Jill Rensae, born July 3, 1980 and Kim Marie, born May 27, 1984, and Laura Lynn, born March 29, 1988 who were born at Hancock County Memorial Hospital in Britt, IA. Jill is presently in 3rd grade and Kim is in kindergarten in Garner. Laura is very active just being a little girl.

The family are members of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Garner.

by Mary Nedved

## NELSON, CHRISTIAN H. AND BESSIE (NELSON)

F424

Christian H. Nelson, the son of Hans J. and Anna Kerstine Nielson, was born December 12, 1859 in Lolland, Denmark. He immigrated to this country with his parents in 1871. He lived on a farm near Clear Lake about 15 years and did some work in the Garner vicinity.

Before he was 21 years of age, Chris purchased his first farm of 80 acres, 2½ miles east of Garner for \$500.00.

On November 8, 1890, Chris married Bessie Nelson at the home of her parents, Nels Jr. and Sena (Hanson) Nelson. Bessie was born November 16, 1873 at Garner and educated in the schools of this vicinity.

After their marriage the Nelsons lived on their farm 2½ miles east of Garner, in the northwest quarter of Section 27 of Concord Township, for eleven years. From there they moved to a farm in the southeast quarter of Section 28 where they lived for 24 years. At that time they moved to Garner where they remained the rest of their lives.

Chris was a president of the Hancock

County National Bank, an office he held from the time the bank was organized until his death. He was a state representative from Hancock County in the 42nd and 43rd general assemblies and in a special session of the 43rd. He was president of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Association for many years. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers Cooperative Society, held a directorship for four years and was president for several years. He held office in the Farmers State Grain Dealers Association for many years.

He was a past president of Farmers Mutual Elevator Insurance Association of Fort Dodge. He was president of Farmers National Bank of Garner for three years, helped organize Hancock County Co-operative Oil Association, served on the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and served as vice-president of the Hancock County Farm Bureau.

Chris and Bessie were members of the United Presbyterian Church of Garner.

They were the parents of seven children:

1. Raymond was born March 24, 1892 and died February 8, 1954 at rural Garner.
2. Elmer was born January 2, 1894.
3. An infant son was born and died December 26, 1895.
4. Earl Claire was born October 4, 1897.
5. Lela Ruth was born March 21, 1901. She married W. Jennings Anderson, June 26, 1924.
6. Harry Arthur was born June 7, 1906 and died September 1, 1910.
7. Winifred Marie was born February 18, 1909. She married first, Edward W. Bradwell. After his death she married Clinton Daniels.

Christian Nelson died February 29, 1944 of a heart attack. Bessie died July 13, 1947 following a stroke. They both died at Garner and are buried in Concord Cemetery.

by Allen Anderson

## NELSON, NELS J. AND SENA (HANSEN)

F425

Nels J. Nelson was born June 3, 1853 in Jutland, Denmark. He came to the United States in 1869 at the age of sixteen. He lived at Mt. Carroll, Illinois for a year before coming to Hancock County, Iowa. He worked for Royal Lovell about six months and then began work for James Elder, who then lived at Concord.

On January 15, 1873 he was united in marriage to Sena Hansen. Sena was born July 19, 1853 in Denmark and came to the United States when about sixteen years of age and located near Clear Lake, Iowa.

Nels and Sena began housekeeping on their farm located four miles east of Garner in the southwest quarter of Section 25 of Concord Township. They lived on that farm one year when Nels began work for John Burnside, who lived two miles east of Garner. Mr. Burnside had a meat market, livery stable, was a stock buyer as well as operating a farm, and in all this work, Nels was Mr. Burnside's right-hand man for thirteen years, before moving back to his own farm where they lived for thirteen years.

He then sold his farm and moved to Ventura where he was in the implement business and handled poultry for twelve years. When he sold out at Ventura, he moved back to Garner, Iowa.

When his health began to fail three years

later he sold his home in Garner and went to Colorado where he remained about three months. On returning he built a house in Garner where they lived until 1922 when they moved to Clear Lake, Iowa. There they spent the rest of their lives.

Nels and Sena were the parents of two daughters, Bessie, Mrs. Christian H. Nelson and Ella, Mrs. Andrew Peterson.

Nels and Sena were members of the Garner Congregational Church and on moving to Clear Lake they transferred their membership to the Lutheran Church.

Nels passed away March 9, 1926 at Clear Lake and Sena passed away November 5, 1927 also at Clear Lake. They were brought to Garner for burial in Concord Cemetery.

by Allen Anderson

## NIELSEN, NIELS AND GESINA (GERDES)

F426

Gesina (Sina) Gerdes was born January 31, 1883, the daughter of Fred and Rebecca Marie (Brunsen) Gerdes. Sina's father, Fred, was born October 31, 1851 and her mother, Rebecca, was born October 4, 1861. Gesina married Niels Ludwig Nielsen on March 28, 1901. Niels was born January 14, 1871.

The children of Sina and Niels are Christina, Marie, William, Hilda, Judith, Dorothy, Alberta, Geneva, Hans and Lewis.

Christina was born July 18, 1901 and married Harold Hylan. Their daughter is Gertrude (Hylan) Muehe.

William Nielsen was born November 30, 1902 and married Lucille Bailey. They have no children.

Marie was born August 23, 1904 and married Irvin Reichert. Their children were Arlen, Donald, Eleanor and Ruth. In 1929 she married Elmer Reichert and he died September 21, 1980.

Hilda Judith Nielsen was born December 23, 1906 and died soon after.

Dorothy Nielsen married Wilbert Busse and has one son, Thomas Busse, born September 1, 1942.

Alberta Hilda was born in 1916 and married Clarence Clausen. Their children are George David, born August 26, 1936 and died young in life, and Susan Lynn Clausen, born July 20, 1944. Susan married Timothy Dennis and they have two children: Tad and Danielle. Alberta married William Murphy in 1951. Their children are Brian, born September 4, 1952 and Dedrie, born July 20, 1956.

Geneva was born March 26, 1923. In 1946 she married Chester Busse and they have three children. Kollene Busse was born December 31, 1946 and married Robert Giandonato. Linda Busse was born November 14, 1948 and married Stephen Mueller. Chester Junior was born September 4, 1952 and married Dawn Rossman on June 14, 1978.

Hans Frederick Nielsen married Florence Larson. Their children are Suzanne, Mrs. Gary Reed, and Mark Frederick, who never married.

Louie Niels was born in 1925 and married Darlene Ruzicka. Their children are Kimberly and Scott. Kimberly was born in 1956 and married Michael Feeman. Scott was born 1958 and married Janet Dobas.





You searched for **Christian H. Nelson** in **Iowa**

### Iowa State Census, 1895

Name: **Christian H. Nelson**

Age: **35**

Race: **White**

Birthplace: **Denmark**

Residence: **Concord, Hancock**

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