

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Nelson, Julian C.
Represented Cass and Shelby Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14 Jan 1872 near Atlantic, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elizabeth Brown 1 Jan 1902 Cass County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was director and vice-president of the Farmers Loan and Bank of Atlantic, president and director of the Federal Land Bank, president of the Cass County Mutual Insurance Company and the Atlantic Building and Supply Company

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Farmer, raised livestock; breeder of Belgians and Percheron horses

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st General Assemblies 1919, 1921, 1923, 1925

6. Public Offices

A. Local Township clerk; township trustee; school board secretary and treasurer

B. State

C. National

7. Death 24 July 1955 Atlantic, Iowa; Cass Atlantic Cemetery, Atlantic, Iowa

8. Children Gail B.; Margery (Mrs Robert Martin); James Donald

9. Names of parents Lars Peter and Karen Marie (Peterson) Nelson

Nelson, Julius A.

10. Education He was educated in rural schools of Cass County, Iowa
and graduated from the Allenton, Iowa High School

11. Degrees He graduated from the Allenton Business College, Allenton Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican
At age 21 he was elected to his first office as clerk of Dodds Township in
Adair County and served until moving to Benton Township 6 years later.
He lives in Cass County and adjoining county of Adair in his lifetime.

Nelson, Julius A

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary			<u>The Atlantic News Telegraph, Atlantic Iowa</u> Mon. July 25, 1955, p. 1, col. 2
			<u>Exeter Journal 1957, p. 1218-1219</u>
			<u>Journal Official Register 1925-1926, p. 273</u>
			<u>History of Andrew County Journal 1915, p. 721-722</u>
			<u>ancestry.com (accessed 20 Jan 2011)</u>
			<u>familysearch.org (accessed 20 Jan 2011)</u>
			<u>findagrave.com (accessed 20 Jan 2011)</u>
			<u>History of Cass County, Iowa 1980, p. 445-446</u>
- Portrait			The original photo is located in the archives at the State of Iowa <u>Historical Library, 600 E. Locust, Des Moines Iowa</u>



for that purpose. He said he receives about \$50,000 a year from the firm's profits. His Air Force salary is \$18,000 a year.

After the subcommittee voted Saturday for full public hearings, Chairman McClellan (D-Ark) said he thought they would be in the interest of "both the public welfare and Secretary Talbott himself."

Corrects Testimony

Talbott, correcting his earlier testimony, informed the committee Friday that he had talked with a Radio Corp. of America attorney, Sam Ewing, about renewal of an RCA contract with the Mulligan firm early this year. RCA has defense contracts, and Ewing had questioned the propriety of renewing the contract with a firm in which Talbott had an interest.

Talbott said he talked briefly with Ewing after the call had been placed by John A. Johnson, Air Force general counsel. He had said Thursday he did not remember such a conversation.

August Gerhardt, Lorah Retired Farmer, Dies

August H. Gerhardt, 81, Lorah retired farmer, died at the Horton nursing home in Winterset Sunday evening at 7:30. He had been in ill health several years and a patient at the Winterset home three years.

Mr. Gerhardt was born at Muscatine Feb. 10, 1874, the son of George Frederick and Henrietta Hanke Gerhardt and came to the Marne vicinity in 1893. He moved to the Lorah vicinity the following year and had lived in this community since. He was married to Elizabeth Comes April 2, 1903. Mr. Gerhardt was a member of Zion Lutheran church.

Surviving are the widow and a number of nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by a brother, Louis Phillip Gerhardt and a sister, Mrs. Peter F. Hansen.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Zion Lutheran church, the Rev. R. G. Dohrmann officiating. The remains will be taken from the Roland funeral home to the church Wednesday morning. Interment will be in the Atlantic cemetery.

EXPECTS GOOD CROP

NORTHWOOD —Olaf H. Hollan, the only farmer in Iowa who has a federal allotment to market tobacco, reports his crop is looking good again this year.

Hollan and his three sons have 100 acres in tobacco. The crop usually yields about 1,200 pounds an acre. Last year they received 50 cents a pound for most

of the "Good Neighbor" policy towards Latin-America.

(International Soundphoto)

Julius A. Nelson, 83, Former State Senator, Dies

Julius A. Nelson, 83, Atlantic former and former state senator, died unexpectedly at his home Sunday afternoon at 5:30. Death resulted from a heart attack.

The son of Peter and Marie Nielsen Nelson, he was born on a farm north of Atlantic Jan. 14, 1872 and had lived in Cass and Audubon counties all of his life. He attended rural schools and the Atlantic High School, graduating from the Atlantic Business College. He was married to Elizabeth Brown Jan. 1, 1902 and they have lived on the same farm west of the Atlantic Golf and Country club 49 years.

When he was 21, Mr. Nelson was elected to his first office, as clerk of Oakfield township, Audubon county and served until moving to Benton township six years later. He served as Benton township trustee six years and after moving to Grove township, became school board secretary and treasurer. In 1919 he was elected state senator and served until 1928.

Mr. Nelson was also vice-president and director of the old Farmers Savings bank of Atlantic; was at one time president and director of the Federal Land bank in this district; was former president of the Cass County Mutual Insurance company and the Atlante Building and Supply company and was a director of those concerns at the time of his death. Horseback riding was a hobby which he continued until his death.

Surviving are the widow, two sons, Donald, living on the west coast and Gail, living north of Atlantic; a daughter, Mrs. Margery L. Martin of Red Oak; three sisters, Mrs. Rose Keith of Audubon, Mrs. Christine Marquesen of Austin, Minn., and Mrs. Martha Nelson of Hawthorne, Calif.; ten grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Gilbert, John, Ed, Ludwig and Alfred Nelson and a sister, Mrs. Alma Traum.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Roland funeral home. The remains will be at the funeral home until the service hour and interment will be in the Atlantic cemetery.

LOS ANGELES TRANSIT STRIKE ENDS

LOS ANGELES —Trolleys and buses in this city's transit system today for the first time in 34 days as the longest transit strike in local history ended.

in the House two months ago, seemed unlikely to cause much trouble.

A compromise between varying House and Senate versions, it requires also a final okay from the Senate to send it on to the White House.

Vital Program

It would give to President Eisenhower, who repeatedly described his reserves program as vital, considerably less than he asked.

The chief new feature is a plan to give special training for up to six months to as many as 250,000 youths annually who agree to serve 7½ years thereafter in the active reserve. Youths under 18½ could volunteer and in exchange they would be exempt from the draft, which now requires two years of active duty.

The compulsion which the Pentagon asked as a method of boosting reserve strength survived only in the form of authority to recall for 45 days of active duty any man going into service or the reserves in the future if he does not keep up his reserve training.

Albert Zimders, Native Of Bear Grove, Dies

Albert Zimders, 69, lifelong Bear Grove township resident, died Saturday afternoon at 5:45 at the Dennis Nursing home, where he had been a patient for a month. He had been in failing health four years.

Mr. Zimders, the son of Ernest and Amelia Knaack Zimders, was born in Bear Grove township March 7, 1886 and farmed there until five years ago. He had lived with his brother, George Kirchhoff, east of Lewis, the last five years.

Surviving are another brother, Walter Kirchhoff of Atlantic and a sister, Mrs. Etta Mae Wheatley of Lewis.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Roland funeral home, the Rev. J. C. Leonard of the Church of the Nazarene officiating. The remains will be at the funeral home until the service hour and interment will be in Oakwood cemetery at Lewis.

PAIR HELD ON KIDNAP CHARGES RETURNED TO MINNESOTA

JEWELL —Two former carnival workers arrested here Saturday on kidnap charges in connection with disappearance of two Minnesota children were returned Monday to Minnesota. The children were located in Des Moines Saturday night.



Queen Elizabeth shown as she presided to the Honorable during colorful their headquarters, London, for the last time preceding the occasion by the P: June 25, 1928.

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Big 4 Prepare Next Pc

GENEVA —The Big 4 today began their attempt to bring their discussions back home in the started work on plan the directives of reference.

On Right

Each of the Big 4 before leaving Geneva confidence that they are going here had started right road. Each at importance of the

The experts have the next few weeks the discussions which have scheduled for summer and fall.

Future Negotiations

They must take their and conflicting programs, German European security can find in them, future negotiation, such bases, they must out the skeleton plan details.

Under the scheduled at the summit talk nation U.S. Subcom weeks — Aug. 29 — the disarmament program advanced at Geneva.

Then early in October Four foreign ministers in Geneva to take part in German unified European security.

YOUTH HELD ON KIDNAP CHARGE

TIPTON —Edward Campbell, 24, Natural Bridge, Va., was held here Monday on kidnap charge growing out of Saturday abduction of a child.

Campbell's wounded child, 10, of Des Moines, was similarly charged Saturday night.

stock. Ordinarily, Mr. Hansen sells about one hundred head of hogs every year, and is very successful in the breeding and handling of live stock.

In 1901, Hans Hansen was married to Anna Hansen, the daughter of Peter Hansen, of Brayton, Iowa, and to this union have been born four children, Maggie, Agnes, Petrea and Rose, all of whom are living at home with their parents, and all of whom attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen are members of the Danish Lutheran church at Audubon, and are actively interested in the affairs of this denomination. Mr. Hansen is identified with the Republican party, but on account of his extensive agricultural interests in the county, he has taken no considerable part in the political life of his township and county, but has left the management of political situations to others. As a citizen of this great state, he has made the most of his opportunities, and is entitled to exceptional credit for his part in the agricultural development of Audubon county. Mr. Hansen is well known in the neighborhood where he lives and has a host of friends in the county.

L. PETER NELSON.

Among the thousands of foreign-born citizens of this country, who have found in many instances both fame and fortune and who, in practically every instance, have found here what they would have been unable to acquire in their native lands—a comfortable home and opportunities for their children—it is not unusual to find that elder sons have come first and that they have been followed with in a few years by their parents. Such an instance is to be found in the case of the Nelson family. L. Peter Nelson, now a retired farmer of Oakfield township, who, until a year or two ago, was one of the largest farmers in Audubon county, was the first member of his family to come to America. Finding this country all that he had hoped and expected it to be, he was followed in eight years by his parents, who also made this their home during their declining years.

L. Peter Nelson, of Oakfield township, was born on August 14, 1844, in Denmark and is the son of Hans and Christina (Larsen) Nelson, both natives of Denmark. The former, a wagonmaker by trade, followed that occupation until he came to America in 1872, when he became a farmer, first in Cass county, Iowa. After having purchased forty acres of land in Cass county, he subsequently added forty acres more and engaged in general farming in Cass and Audubon counties for five years. Before

coming to America, he had served his time in the Danish army. Hans and Christena Nelson had six children: Catherine, Mary, Juliane, L. Peter, Nels C. and Charles F. Although L. Peter Nelson came to America in 1864, it was six years before he permanently established himself in the Hawkeye state. Before coming to this country, he had received a good education in the common schools of his native land and had been a wagon-maker, working with his father. After coming to this country, he located temporarily in Michigan, where he worked in the pineries in the winter and at carpentry in the summer. After being in Michigan two years, he went on to Minnesota and lived in Minnesota and Wisconsin for three years, or until 1870, when he moved to Cass county and purchased forty acres of land. There he farmed for six years and in 1878 he moved to Audubon county and purchased eighty acres of land, the farm upon which he is now living. Year by year his profits grew and his savings increased, and as his savings accumulated, he bought more and more land until, when he divided his land among his children, on November 26, 1914, he owned altogether eight hundred acres in Audubon and Cass counties.

Thanksgiving day of 1914 was a joyous occasion for the Nelson family, for, on that day, the loving and generous father of the Nelson children divided his eight hundred acres of land among the children, giving each child eighty acres. Mr. Nelson was married on November 12, 1866, two years after coming to America, to Mary Petersen, the daughter of Peter Petersen. To them have been born ten children: Gilbert P., who married Anna Nelson; John C., who married Rosa Nelson; Julius A., who married Elizabeth Brown; Edward M., who married Mae Jonson; Ludvig R., who married Elsie Madison; Alfred A., who married Bessie Brown; Alma C., who married Harry Traum; Christina, who became the wife of Evans Marquesen; Rosa and Martha, who are unmarried. The mother of these children died on January 14, 1908.

During his lifetime, Mr. Nelson has been a member of the Danish Lutheran church and has been identified with the Republican party, although he has never been especially active in its councils. Few men show a more commendable spirit of generosity than L. Peter Nelson, who, by his gift to his children, has thoroughly proved his keen and abiding interest in their welfare. Mr. Nelson, divided his property with the spirit of the father who wants to see his children enjoy, while he still lives, the things which, to some extent, they assisted him in accumulating. Very few fathers in Oakfield township are more dearly loved today than the venerable L. Peter Nelson.

WILLIAM LINNEVOLD

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life and public service of the late Honorable William Linnevold of Decorah, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

William Linnevold was born in Decorah, Iowa, on the 13th day of December, 1876, son of George and Johanne Linnevold. He attended the rural schools of that area, Valder Business College, Normal School and Luther College. Senator Linnevold taught rural schools for two years. He served as post office clerk in Decorah, Iowa, for a period of six years. He was manager and secretary of the Nordness Creamery Company for five years. He became postmaster of the Decorah, Iowa, Post Office and served in that capacity continuously from 1923 until 1936. Senator Linnevold was vice president of the Iowa Mutual Tornado Insurance Association, Des Moines, Iowa, and was secretary of the Norwegian Protective Association from 1913 until the date of his death. He was an active director of the Security Trust and Savings Bank, Decorah, Iowa, and served as a member of the Board of Home Missions, Iowa District Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Senator Linnevold was elected as a member of the Iowa Senate from the Forty-second Senatorial District and served in the Iowa Senate for a period of eight years, from 1947 to 1954, inclusive.

Senator Linnevold was married to Edith Hamrey, who predeceased him in death. He was the father of four children: Ruth, Elizabeth, Willard and Paul. He lived on a farm in Winneshiek County, Iowa, which had been in the Linnevold family since 1853. Senator Linnevold died at Decorah, Iowa, on the 15th day of June, 1956.

Senator Linnevold was always vitally interested in farming activities and the problems of rural Iowa. In addition to these interests, he was regarded as an outstanding insurance agent and executive and enjoyed considerable success in this field due to his knowledge of the subject and his years of experience.

Senator Linnevold was always active in community and church affairs. He was an active and highly respected lay member of the Lutheran Church. Senator Linnevold's years in the Iowa Senate are recorded as a period in which he contributed a great deal in his conscientious and perceiving manner to the best interests of his District and the State of Iowa.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

FRANK D. ELWOOD,
ROBERT L. RIGLER,
GEORGE L. SCOTT,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

JULIUS A. NELSON

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Julius A. Nelson, begs leave to submit the following:

Julius A. Nelson was born of Danish parents in Cass County, Iowa, on January 14, 1872, and died at the Atlantic Memorial Hospital in Atlantic, Iowa, on July 24, 1955, at the age of 83 years.

Residing in Cass and adjoining Audubon County, Mr. Nelson received his early education in the rural schools and was a graduate of a local business college and also had several terms of normal training.

On January 1, 1902, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Brown, also a resident of Cass County, and to this union three children were born.

During his lifetime of residing in Cass County, he was the Vice President of the Farmers Savings Bank of Atlantic, Iowa, President of the local Atlantic Building and Supply Company, served on the Cass County Board of Trustees and was Treasurer of the Atlantic School Board. Mr. Nelson was elected Senator from the eighteenth district in 1918.

Survivors are Mrs. Nelson, one daughter, Mrs. Robert Martin of Red Oak, Iowa, two sons, James D. Nelson and Gail B. Nelson of Atlantic, Iowa.

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-seventh General Assembly: That in the passing of the Honorable Julius A. Nelson, the state has lost a valuable, loyal and honorable citizen and one who has contributed unselfishly to his country, state and nation.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward enrolled copies to the members of his family.

JOHN D. SHOEMAN,
RAYMOND R. GILLESPIE,
FRANCIS A. TURNER,
Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

GEORGE B. PERKINS

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life and public service of the late Honorable George B. Perkins, submits the following report:

George B. Perkins, son of George and Emeline M. (Larrabee) Perkins, was born August 11, 1874, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. His formal education was received in the public schools and the German-English Academy. While still a young man he went to Sac City, Iowa, where he took a position as bookkeeper in the Sac County State Bank in July, 1896.

In 1900 he was elected to the office of clerk of the district court and was re-elected in 1902. He served in this office until 1905. At this time he became the president of the First National Bank of Sac City and served in this capacity for many years.

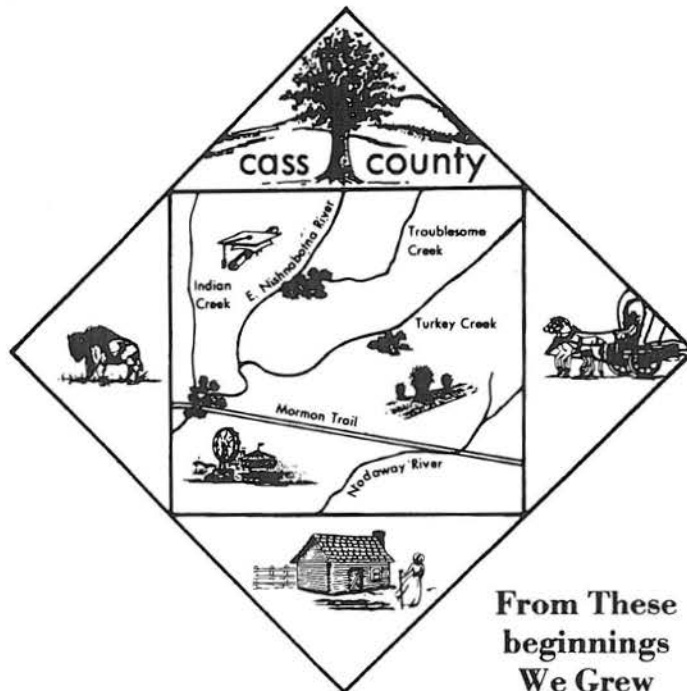
Mr. Perkins was a Republican in politics and was mayor of Sac City in 1906. He was an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1908 in Chicago. Like his uncle, William Larrabee, former Governor of Iowa, he was interested in state politics and was an Iowa legislator in both the House and the Senate. He served in the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth General Assembly as a Representative and in

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From These
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We Grew

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To the pioneers who first settled on the unclaimed land —
To those who successfully toiled and cultivated the soil —
To those who collectively built their communities into towns; their services into businesses and industries —
To the progression of families who call it home —
As a written and pictorial record of this evolution for those who follow.
By Those Who Care.

He went with the fellows on their calls, also helped with some of the services.

He enjoyed music. He played the guitar and sang, also played the violin. His one hobby was to find different hymn books.

The last four years he lived in the Health Center of the Heritage House. He died at the home February 25, 1975.

BREWER-NELSON

Lucille Brewer was born February 28, 1929 in the Atlantic Hospital, daughter of Harry O. and Pearl Hastings Brewer. She grew up on her parents' farm in Benton Township, attended Benton No. 3 school and graduated from the Atlantic High School in 1948. She taught the Benton No. 3 school for two years.



John and Lucille Nelson Family

She was a member of the Benton Sunshine 4-H Club several years. One year she and Nadine Olsen won a trip to demonstrate textile painting at the Dairy Congress in Waterloo.

John W. Nelson was born southeast of Brayton March 30, 1929 on the Nelson farm, son of W.A. and Mabel Salvesson Nelson. He grew up on this farm and graduated from the Exira High School in 1947.

He and Lucille were married June 18, 1950 and have lived on the Nelson farm, which they now own.

There are four children: Duane J. married Janet Tibben; Lavonne S. married Neil Schroeter; Kevin J. and Carol E. attending Exira High School. They have three grandchildren: Sarah and Eric Nelson and Leslie Schroeter.

BROWN-NELSON

Julius A. Nelson was born on a farm seven miles north of Atlantic, where his parents, Peter and Karen Neilsen (Nelson) first settled when coming to Cass County. He was born January 14, 1872. It was difficult to find time for schooling; however, through the winter months when farm work let up a bit, he attended the rural schools where he finished the eighth grade.

By the time he was ready for high school, a high school and junior college had been established at Elk Horn, so by working summers and saving his money, he was able to attend this college. When he had finished there a Business College had opened in Atlantic and by working, and sharing a room with three other boys, and doing their own cooking, he was able to attend this school. His thirst for knowledge never ceased.

When twenty-one he was elected to his first office as clerk of Oakfield Township, Audubon County, and served in this capacity until moving to Benton Township, six years later. He served as Benton Township Trustee six years and after moving to Grove Township, became school board secretary and treasurer.

January 1, 1902, he married Elizabeth Brown, and they farmed about six hundred acres of land eight miles northeast of Atlantic, the post office being Lorah. He and his brother Ed. farmed this tract of land in partnership.

Elizabeth was of English parentage, her parents, James and Sarah Ann Brown having come to Atlantic in 1870. Elizabeth was born June 5, 1877, the fifth child in a family of ten children.



Elizabeth and Julius A. Nelson — 50th Wedding Anniversary

eight of whom lived to adulthood. She attended the Atlantic High School. She was an excellent seamstress and enjoyed playing the piano, often accompanist for many rural school functions.

Two sons were born on the farm northeast of Atlantic — James Donald, born October 16, 1903, and Gail Brown, born July 26, 1905.

In 1905 the family moved to their farm southwest of Atlantic, which adjoined what later became the Atlantic Golf and Country Club. They lived here forty-nine years. Their daughter, Margery Elizabeth, was born on this farm August 6, 1915.

In 1919 Julius was elected state senator and served until 1928. He also served as vice-president and director of the Farmer's Savings Bank of Atlantic and was at one time a director of the Federal Land Bank of this district. He was also at one time President of the Cass County Mutual Insurance Association and the Atlantic Building and Supply Company, being a director of these organizations at the time of his death.

He raised livestock in conjunction with his farming operations and had been a Breeder of Belgian and Percheron horses and Shorthorn cattle. He was quite a horseman, and was still riding horseback the day he died.

He died suddenly July 25, 1955 of a heart attack. After his death his wife, Elizabeth, left the farm, spending most of her last years in Atlantic. She died January 4, 1962.

Their family: — James Donald Nelson (1903-) (Married Rose Cron; Gail Brown Nelson (1905) (Married Verlee Beatrice Prettie; (Verlee Beatrice died May 20, 1947) (Married Irma Christensen Williams 1966); Margery Elizabeth (1915) (Married Robert Evans Martin).

LARS NELSON (NIELSEN)

Lars Peter Neilsen (known as Peter) and his wife, Karen Neilsen, came to Cass County in 1870, with their sons, Gilbert and John. (Later the family name was changed to Nelson).

Peter had come to America from Denmark in 1865, celebrating his twenty-first birthday while crossing the ocean. He was born August 14, 1844, in Kirkflinderup, Sogn, on the Island of Sjælland (Zealand) in the North Sea. He was the son of Hans and Christina Neilsen, and had worked with his father as a wagonmaker in Denmark. He had also served his time in the Danish army before coming to America.

He first worked in Chicago, helping build the Union Stock yards there. He was in Chicago at the time of Lincoln's assassination and saw the body as it lay in state there on its way from Washington, D.C. to Springfield, Illinois, for burial. Later he worked in the Pineries of Michigan and spent some time in Wisconsin and in Minne-



Lars Peter Neilsen (Nelson)

sota. In Minnesota he worked in the Milwaukee-St. Paul railroad shops, building Pullman cars.

In Minnesota he met and married Karen Marie Petersen, daughter of Peter and Anna Hansen Petersen. Karen Marie was born January 4, 1845, and came from the Island of Sjælland, having lived not more than five miles from her husband, though they never met until coming to America. Karen Marie was eighteen when she came with her family. They had booked passage on a steamer leaving from Liverpool but when they got to England they learned the ship had been quarantined for Bubonic plague. They took a sailing ship which required six weeks and four days to cross the Atlantic. They settled in Minnesota.

When the Peter Neilsens came to Cass County, they rode from Des Moines to Grove City on the first passenger train to go from Des Moines to Council Bluffs.

With their two children and their baggage they walked to the home of Peter's sister and brother-in-law, Julia and Martin Nelson, near Marne. They bought forty acres of land about seven miles north of Atlantic but lived with the sister and family that first winter until their house was built. They farmed there six years and then moved to Audubon County where they bought 80 acres of land.

They had much breaking up of the prairie to do in order to farm and times were hard. They took eggs to town receiving only five cents per dozen and fifteen cents per pound for butter. Calico sold for fifty cents a yard, which was a high price in those times.

Besides Peter's sister, Julie, another sister and two brothers later settled in the same general area — namely, Karen (Mrs. Nels Anderson), Nels and Carl Neilsen. In later years the parents also came to America to join them and lived on a forty near their children.

The Peter Neilsen family grew to include twelve children.

Gilbert P. (1868-1937) (Married Anna Nelson)
John C. (1870-1944) (Married Rose Nelson)
Julius A. (1872-1955) (Married Elizabeth Brown)

Edward M. (1873-1927) (Married Mae Jensen)
Ludwig R. (1875-1942) (Married Elsie Madsen)
Alma Marguerette (1877-1953) (Married Harry Traum)

Anton Alfred (1879-1927) (Married Bessie Brown)

George Theodore (1881-1887)

Christine Mathilda (1884-1957) (Married Evans Marquesen)

Rose Elizabeth (1886-1886)

Rose Elizabeth (1887-1970) (Married Clyde Keith)

Martha Theodora (1889-1968) (Married Charles Nelson)

Peter Neilsen and Nels Hoegh (father of Mrs. Lester Nelson) were instrumental in organizing the Oak Hill Danish Lutheran Church. Peter was also one of the organizers of the Danish Lutheran Church in Elk Horn. He and his brother, Nels, did most of the carpenter work on both of the churches and turned out the altar rails by hand.

Mrs. Peter Neilsen died on January 14, 1908.

Year by year Peter's profits grew, until he eventually owned eight hundred acres of land in Au-

dubon and Cass Counties. On Thanksgiving Day of 1914, he divided his eight-hundred acres among his ten children, each receiving eighty acres.

During his last years he did considerable traveling throughout the United States as well as making a trip to Panama and to Denmark.

He died February 8, 1922. He, his wife, his parents, and other family members are buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery, north of Atlantic.

LAURENCE C. NELSON

Laurence Christy Nelson was born April 18, 1908 near Brayton, the son of Johanna and Chris Nelson, farmers. He had a brother, Simmon, and a sister, Anna.



Laurence and Irene Nelson

His parents lived northeast of Atlantic for several years before moving to the farm in Pymosa Township near the Buck Creek vicinity. He began working for farmers for his board and room at the age of 14. In later years he picked corn by hand for 3¢ to 5¢ a bushel, and helping with making for farmers that filled their ice houses and packing with wheat straw. This would keep the ice until warm weather for use in the ice boxes, to keep food cool. This was done in 20° below weather. It was cut from the pond at the late John Hansen farm. Laurence worked for \$1 a day in the busy season. He had a Model A car.



Nelson Family

Irene Alice Moller was born near Walnut, at the home of her parents, July 31, 1908. She grew up near Lewis and near Atlantic. Irene helped with her father's dairy and helped her mother with many chores. She belonged to the first 4-H club in 1923 and showed hogs at the Iowa State Fair.

Irene and Laurence were married at the Presbyterian Manse, February 24, 1930. They joined the church in 1929. They rented 80 acres two miles west of Atlantic. Sweet corn and pumpkins were raised for the factory. It took many hours of cutting to unload, as many farmers grew sweet corn then. Vera Marie was born at the home June 1, 1931. In 1932 the family moved to the James Harris farm in Pymosa Township, renting and later buying the farm. Robert Lyle was born here, Dale Leroy was born August 17, 1936 at their home.

Laurence, Robert and Dale did a lot of hunting and trapping in the winter. The family was active in 4-H and the Farm Bureau.

There wasn't any electricity, until 1948, four miles north on Buck Creek road. The farmers dug the holes for the poles so they could get electricity from Atlantic. What an improvement! It put an end to pumping water and carrying it into the house. The family attended Atlantic High by driving. There were no school buses then, as the dirt roads were very bad. Mud rolled up under the fenders of the car which had to be dug out. The Buck Creek road was graveled around 1954.

In 1950, Laurence bought the rural school house of Pymosa #4, to be made into a home. With the help of a carpenter and their son Robert it was completed in 1953.

Robert was drafted into the Army April 6, 1953 and served in Germany. Dale enlisted into the Air Force in 1956, serving three of four years in Scotland in Security Service.

Vera Marie married James B. McDermott March 6, 1949. James was born August 20, 1926. Elaine A. was born July 18, 1952 and married Steven Teague February 17, 1974. Steven was born August 20, 1955. Shana Christine Teague was born January 7, 1978. Jerry D. McDermott was born March 28, 1956 and married Jeri Sue Wolfe May 13, 1978.

Robert Lyle married Francis Elleen Karstensen. Frances was born December 28, 1930.

Dale Leroy married Peggy Nelson September 22, 1956. Peggy was born August 7, 1936. Cindy Sue was born December 11, 1957, Randy Dale was born March 8, 1961, and Cheryl Beth was born December 13, 1963.

Laurence C. Nelson passed away October 29, 1978.

LESTER AND ANNIE NELSON

After farming in Audubon County for thirteen years Lester E. Nelson had the opportunity to buy a farm Pymosa Township, from Emery Petersen, in 1946. Having lived through the depression which began in 1929, buying anything involving extended credit was challenging and viewed soberly. Encouragement from a local banker settled the deal.

Having two children of 4-H age, Janet Mary and Gary A., involved Lester and Ann in 4-H as leaders in Pymosa Township in the 1950s. They took an active part in the building of the present 4-H and FFA fairgrounds and buildings; were active in extension work in the county, and Cass County Farm Bureau, with Lester serving as County Farm Bureau Chairman, and chairman of the county 4-H committee at various times. Mrs. Nelson was appointed to the Extension Advisory Board at Ames in 1954 and served for three years. Mr. Nelson served on the county board of education for nine years through the difficult times of school reorganization and the changeover from one-room country schools into the present system.

Janet taught at the Pymosa Elementary School prior to her marriage to Howard C. Paulsen. They have two children: Thomas C., and Sally M. Gary A., their son, farms in Oakfield Township, Audubon County, and Pymosa Township and is married to Mary Jo Keith. They have two children: Jody Lynn and Jeffery Alan. One daughter, Jill Lynette, died at the age of five months.

The family is active in the First Baptist Church in Atlantic and Mrs. Nelson was chosen "Valiant Woman" representative from this church for the 1979 May Fellowship Day of the Church Women United.

MARTIN NELSON

Martin and Juliene Nelson (Nielsen) were born on Sjilland Island, Denmark. Juliene was born April 25, 1839 and Martin September 18, 1840. (In the 1900s their name was anglicized and was changed from Nielsen to Nelson.) They were married May 22, either in 1860 or 1861. Juliene insisted America was the place to go so they left

by ship and arrived in New York in September, 1862.

Martin worked in the "pineries" of Michigan. At one time they shared their home with a young Indian and his bride who had no place to live. They would exchange food — the Indian women would bring venison, ducks or fish and share with her. When she baked bread or pancakes they received some in exchange.

They saved up money and bought eighty acres of land in southern Illinois near Moline, which Martin later sold, taking a profit of \$200.00. They went back to the timber to get a little more saved. They bought a covered wagon to come to Iowa. The box had to be wired to the running gear so it would not float away when they forded streams. It took eleven days to get to Exira where there was a log post office. The family went on to Marne where Martin worked on the building of the Rock Island Railroad.

Martin first bought forty acres and then another eighty acres on the family homestead in Cass and Audubon counties in 1872. They purchased the "home place" from a soldier who had received it as a land grant for his services in the Civil War and who had never seen the land. Here they cleared and prepared eight acres of land north of the present house and that became their first cultivated land.

Martin and Juliene had nine children: Anna, John, Minnie, Mary, William, Christy, Hannah, Edward and Walter. The home they built in 1891 still stands and is now still in use by the fifth and sixth generations of the family — the Gary Nelsons — he is a grandson of Ed and Mary Nelson.

Martin and Juliene died in 1925, he July 11 and she July 26, having lived fifty-four years on the farm of their choice, leaving forty-four grandchildren, and thirty great-grandchildren and their nine sons and daughters surviving them. They are buried at the Oakhill Cemetery.

EDWARD NELSON

Edward Nelson, the son of Martin and Juliene Nelson, married Mary Bendixen January 10, 1906. Born to them were three children: Lester E., the oldest who married Annie Pipgrass on March 15, 1933. They have a son Gary A. and daughter Janet.

The next child born was a daughter C. Ethel who married Leo R. Westphalen. They have four children. Dallas, Delores, Lorraine and Marcine.

The last child born to the Ed Nelsons was a daughter Muriel who married R. Clarence Miller June 20, 1934. They have two children, Myrna who married Elden Esbeck and they have three children, Cindy, Kurt and Barney. Their son Sidney married Pam Glover and he has five children, Vince, Scott, Clinton, Jennifer, and Brendon.

NELSON FAMILY

Nels B. Nelson and wife Karen Marie Anderson came to the United States in 1904 with their five children from Brenerslev, Denmark. Nels was a mason by trade but after coming to Cass County he became a farmer. He and his wife were baptized in the Lutheran church in Denmark. They first settled at Marne but a short time later came to the Atlantic vicinity, living on the same farm for 18 years until his death, N.B., as he was called, died of a heart attack in 1936 when his car stalled in a blizzard and he tried to walk to a neighbor's home. Karen died November 15, 1913, leaving behind their six children, Ted, Harold, Lars, Rica, Elna and Thorvald who was the only child to be born in the United States.

Rica the oldest daughter died of a heart attack in 1947. Thorvald died in a car accident outside of Exira, in 1951.

Their youngest daughter Elna married Orlie Crisman a farmer. They are retired and live in Exira. Marvin, who was their only child, married Donna Devall. They live in Cleveland, Ohio. Their daughter, Diana, lives in Cleveland with her husband, Gary Smith.

The oldest son, Lars, married Eunice Cooley of Atlantic, March 31, 1920. Lars died November

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Marriage: 01 JAN 1902 Atlantic, Cass, Iowa

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Julius Nelson was born on a farm north of Atlantic, Iowa, the 3rd of twelve children. He attended high school and business college in Atlantic. He was active in local and state politics from the age of 21, and was elected to the Iowa State Senate in 1919, serving until 1928.

He married Elizabeth Brown on January 1, 1902. They had two sons, James Donald and Gail Brown and a daughter, Margery Elizabeth. Julius farmed, raised livestock and was a breeder of Belgian and Percheron horses. He was a great horseman, and had gone riding the day of his death, prior to suffering a fatal heart attack.

Family links:

Parents:
 Lars Peter Nielsen (1844 - 1922)
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