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Clarence and Lena Nelson

Husband's Full Name: Clarence (Kleng) Nelson
Husband's Place of Birth: Jelsa, Rogaland, Norway
Husband's Father's Name: Svend Nelson Erfjord
Husband's Mother's Name: Martha Karina Torkelsdatter
Husband's Siblings' Names: Torkel, Tomine, Svend S, David, Marta
Wife's Full Name: Lena Larson
Wife's Place of Birth: Sweden
Wife's Father's Name: Peder Larson
Wife's Mother's Name: Hansine Larson
Wife's Siblings' Names: Adolph, Elviira, Arthur, Emil, Mathilda
Children's Names: Mabel, Walter, Clair, Harley, Lila, Roy, Helen

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Clarence Nelson

Clarence Nelson, Manfred, came to the United States from Norway when he was 16 years old. After living with relatives in Wisconsin and Northwood he served in the army for 3 years, coming out in 1896. Then he came to Manfred.

The first winter he spent in his homestead shack was very severe. He awoke one morning to find his shack completely covered with snow. Luckily, the door opened inwards and he had a shovel. After he dug himself out and dug his horses out of the barn, he moved in with his sister and family, the Lars Natlands.

In 1899, he married Lena Larson at Manfred, North Dakota.

Mrs. Clarence Nelson (Lena Larson Erfjord Nelson) by Sennev Nertrøst Whipple

Mrs. Clarence Nelson, nee Lena Larson was born in Sweden in 1880. She came to the United States with her parents at the age of one year. Her early childhood was spent near Cummings, ND. In the early nineties her family came to Wells County where her father filed on a homestead, near what is now Heimdal. Here she resided until 1899 when she became the bride of Clarence Nelson, who farmed near Manfred. Here she lived for almost half a century, 48 years to be exact. With her husband, she helped to convert the early home into a beautiful farmstead. It was here their children; four sons and three daughters were born and grew to maturity.

Mrs. Nelson was a member of the Vang Lutheran Church and of the Vang Ladies Aid. She served as president

of the Aid and she was happy to take an active part in its up building.

Being interested in all church activities she gave freely of her time and was ever ready to lend a helping hand. In 1947, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson retired from active farming and made Glasgow, Montana their home. It was here they celebrated their Golden Wedding Day in 1949 in the presence of several children and other relatives who reside in Glasgow, and other relatives and friends from North Dakota.

In 1950, Mrs. Nelson passed away at Rochester, Minnesota, after an illness of five months. She was laid to rest on the 5 of May in a Glasgow, Montana cemetery.

She left her husband and four sons and two daughters to morn the loss of a faithful help mate and mother.