

Alfred T. Nelson



Alfred Theodore Nelson was born on September 19th, 1888 in Washburn, McLean County, North Dakota. He was the eldest of 9 children. His Father was Rasmus Nelson, born December 25th, 1859, in Torstrup, Island of Moen, Denmark. His mother was Johanna (Hannah) Sine Peterson, born December 8th, 1860, in Bissinge, Island of Moen, Denmark. Alfred's father immigrated from Denmark in 1883, and worked as a farmer in Washburn, North Dakota. Hannah, Alfred's mother, immigrated the following year in 1884. Rasmus and Hannah married in 1888.

Alfred worked as a farm laborer prior to his war service. He registered for the draft on June 5th, 1917, at the age of 28, while living in West St. Paul, Dakota County, Minnesota. He was inducted into service on February 26th, 1918 in Hastings, Minnesota. Alfred served as a private in the 352nd and 130th infantry of the American Expeditionary Forces of the U.S. Army. He trained at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Alfred was deployed overseas as part of the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, one of the largest operations of the American Expeditionary Forces during the war. Alfred mustered out of service on May 29th, 1919.

After the war, in 1922, Alfred married Amye Louella Sexton, who was born March 30th, 1892, in Wisconsin. By 1930, Alfred and Amye were living in Ostage, Becker County, Minnesota. They had three children: Leonard P. (b. 1926), Evelyn L. (b. 1930), and Theodore M. (b. 1939). By 1940, Alfred was renting a farm in Ostage. Alfred died as a result of a hip fracture, after falling out of bed at the Crystal Care Center, in Crystal, Hennepin County, Minnesota. He passed away February 5th, 1985, at the age of 96. He was laid to rest at the Riverside Cemetery in Osage, Minnesota.