

Fred J. Nelson



Fred John Nelson was born on March 27th, 1892, in Hastings, Dakota County, Minnesota. He was the third oldest of five children. His father was Peter Nelson, born in Sweden in 1867. His Mother was Matilda Oesterdahl, born in Sweden in about 1866. Peter and Matilda met and were married in Sweden between 1886 and 1888. Peter immigrated to the United States in 1890. Matilda and their two oldest children followed in 1891.

Prior to his war service, Fred was self-employed as a mason in Hastings, Minnesota. While living and working in Hastings, Fred registered for the draft on June 5th, 1917, at the age of 25. Fred was inducted into service on June 24th, 1918. He served as part of the Army Service Corp, 116th U.S. Guard Company. He served overseas in LeMons, France from September 22nd, 1918, to July 1st, 1919. He Mustered out of service at Camp Dodge, Iowa on July 18th, 1919.

After the war, Fred returned to living with his parents in Hastings, Minnesota and worked as a self-employed concrete contractor. In 1927, Fred married Agnes Nelson, who was born in 1896 in Minnesota. By 1930, Fred and Agnes lived at 4249 Portland Ave. in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota where Fred worked as a radio salesman. Fred continued work as a salesman through his career. He and Agnes had no children. Fred died in Minneapolis on November 15th, 1956, at the age of 64 as the result of a coronary. He was laid to rest at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota.