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NELSON, OLANDER

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Olander Nelson was born May 4, 1860, in Sweden.

In 1881, he immigrated to America, and arrived in New York where he stayed a year. He then moved west, and stopped at St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was employed for some time. He continued on to Sauk Centre and then to Grove Lake where he stayed for the remainder of his life. Most of the time he was engaged as a blacksmith. In 1910, he retired from blacksmithing and bought a farm in Grove Lake. Then he sold the farm and moved to Lyman Prairie.

In 1914, he removed to Grove Lake. In 1921, Olander Nelson disposed of this property and moved into Brooten.

In 1883, Olander Nelson married Anna Gustafson. They had six children: Henry of Willard; Mrs. Olafson, Mrs. Edwin Molmstead, Miss Josephine Nelson, and Theodore of Chicago; and Mrs. Oscar N. Vesledahl of Brooten.

Olander Nelson died on October 4, 1928 of diabetes. He is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Chicago.

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE
FOR THE OLANDER NELSON BIOGRAPHY

DEATH RECORD BOOK V. PAGE 14 LINE 323

Olander Nelson, Born in Sweden, May 14, 1860

Son of Nels Nelson and Helen Nelson

Died October 4, 1928

Age 68 years 4 months and 20 days