HILMA ELEANORA (NELSON) CARLSON

(Written text and photographs provided by William John Krause II and Marvin Leslie Carlson). Hilma Eleanora Nelson was born on March 8, 1898, in Richmond Township, Minnesota, and was the daughter of Andrew and Amanda Christina (Johannesson/Nelson) Nelson. Hilma Eleanora Nelson was baptized on November 9, 1898, at the Upsala Lutheran Church. Hilma Eleanora Nelson married Carl Gustaf Carlson on December 26, 1917, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Carl Gustaf Carlson was born June 18, 1890, in Lindsberg, Sweden, and was the son of Carl Eric and Ida Sophia (Jansson) Andersson. Gustaf Carlson was a very successful business man and worked as a building contractor in the Minneapolis, Minnesota area. Carl Gustaf and Hilma Eleanora (Nelson) Carlson had a son, Marvin Leslie Carlson, born on May 18, 1942, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Carl Gustaf Carlson died February 13, 1967, in Bloomington, Minnesota. Burial was at the Sunset Memorial Park, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Hilma Eleanora (Nelson) Carlson died March 9, 1996, in Bloomington, Minnesota. Burial was at the Sunset Memorial Park, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

A photograph of Hilma Eleanora Nelson (third from left top row) with other students that attended this rural school (thought to be "the Richwood School") in Becker County, Minnesota. Date: about 1909.
A photograph of (left to right) of Carl Larson, Carl Gustaf Carlson, and Sven Anderson. Date: 1913. Brooklyn, New York. The woman in back is thought to be Sven Anderson's Aunt and the child on the steps, her daughter.

A photograph taken in 1915 of the Nelson and Olson families at Fosston, Minnesota. From left to right are: Amanda Christina (Johannesson/Nelson) Nelson, unknown standing, Hanna Olson (Anders Nelson's sister), unknown, little girl, Hilda V. Nelson, Lydia Olson, Hilma Eleanora Nelson, unknown, Albin Nelson, unknown, unknown, unknown, Gustave Adolph Nelson, remainder to the right are unknown.
Carl Gustaf Carlson (sitting) photographed with his best friend, Sven Anderson, from Lindesberg, Sweden. Springfield, Massachusetts. Date: 1913.

Hilma Eleanora Nelson photographed in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Date: 1916.


Hilma Eleanora (Nelson) Carlson photographed in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Date: 1918.
A photograph of Carl Gustaf Carlson (sitting) and Oscar T. Johnson (a business partner) taken in Springfield, Massachusetts. Date: unknown.

A photograph of Carl Gustaf Carlson (left), Carl Larson, and Sven Anderson (right). Date taken: the early 1900s in Minneapolis, Minnesota.


A photograph of Hilma Eleanora (Nelson) Carlson (second left) with an Olson Cousin to her left and sister, Hilda V. (Nelson) Larson, and brother-in-law, Carl Larson, to her right. Date: Early 1920s. Minnesota.
A wedding photograph of Hilma Eleanora (Nelson) Carlson and Carl Gustaf Carlson taken on December 26, 1917, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.


A photograph of Hilma Eleanora (Nelson) Carlson holding her young son, Marvin Leslie Carlson, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Date: 1942.


A photograph of Hilma Eleanora (Nelson) Carlson with her son, Marvin Leslie Carlson, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Date: 1947.

A photograph of Carl Gustaf Carlson holding his son, Marvin Leslie Carlson, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Date: 1947.
A photograph of Hilma Eleanora (Nelson) Carlson (right) with her mother, Amanda Christina (Johannesson/Nelson) Nelson. Minneapolis, Minnesota. Date: July, 1940.


Hilma Eleanora (Nelson) Carlson photographed with her son, Marvin Leslie Carlson (center), and husband, Carl Gustaf Carlson. Date: early 1950s.

A photograph of Carl Gustaf Carlson in Bloomington, Minnesota, during August of 1965.


A photograph of Carl Gustaf and Hilma Eleanora (Nelson) Carlson in Honolulu, Hawaii. They traveled to Hawaii to visit their son who was serving in the United States Army. December of 1965.

Marvin Leslie Carlson photographed with Elsie Bergren (back left), Gladys (Larson) Hanson (back right), and Myrtle Eleanor (Larson) Bergstrom sitting at Prior Lake, Minnesota. Date: Thought to be 2002.
The baptismal certificate for Hilma Eleanora Nelson. The baptism took place at Upsala Lutheran Church, Richwood Township, Minnesota, on November 9, 1902. In an examination of the Upsala Church records, Hilma appears to have been the only family member baptized at the Upsala Lutheran Church.

The 1900 United States Federal Census lists Hilma Eleanora Nelson (2 years), her sister Hilda V. Nelson (7 years), and brother Albin Nelson (10 years) as being together and living on the farm in Richwood Township (lines 1-3).
Marvin Leslie Carlson was born on May 18, 1942, in Bloomington, Minnesota, and was the son of Carl Gustaf and Hilma Eleanora (Nelson) Carlson. Marvin Leslie Carlson was educated in the Minneapolis School System and graduated from Edina - Morningside High School, Edina, Minnesota, in 1960. Marvin went on to graduate from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with majors in History and Political Science. Marvin was fluent in Latin and won several awards in high school for his proficiency in this language. Marvin Leslie Carlson was accepted into Law School at the University of Minnesota and completed one and a half years before entering the United States Army in service of his country during the Vietnam War. Marvin Carlson served in Army Intelligence and read various maps and films seeking out enemy troop movements and installations. Marvin served from 1965 through 1967. Marvin Leslie Carlson traveled considerably but resided in Bloomington, Minnesota, for most of his lifetime. Marvin Leslie Carlson was a genealogist and a volunteer worker for the Family History Center in Minneapolis that is maintained by the Mormon Church to help people trace their heritage. He was an authority on Swedish heritage and was instrumental in gathering the background information on the origins of our family (the Johannesson/Nelson family) and lead a guided tour taken by Dennis Lyle Krause, Lorraine Marion (Nelson) Bain, Mary Elizabeth (Bain) Fain McCoy, and Penelope Ellen (Fain) Abell to Värmland, Sweden, to examine the farms once occupied by the Johannesson family and the churches and schools they attended before their emigration to the United States.
A photograph of Marvin Leslie Carlson taken when he was eleven years old. Minneapolis, Minnesota. Date: 1953.

Marvin Leslie Carlson photographed while on rest and relaxation (R&R) while serving in the Army during the war with North Vietnam. Honolulu, Hawaii. August of 1965.


Marvin Leslie Carlson (right) photographed with his cousin, Robert A. Nelson, and Bob’s wife, Ardell (Larson) Nelson, in front of the Upsala Lutheran Church, Richwood Township, Minnesota. Date: July, 2005.

Marvin Leslie Carlson (right) photographed with Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause (center) and Myrtle Eleanor (Larson) Bergstrom. Date: August 1992. (Courtesy of John Arvid Fransen).

Marvin Leslie Carlson (right) photographed with William John Krause II in the Sanctuary of the Upsala Lutheran Church, Richwood Township, Minnesota. The cousins examined church records for clues concerning their family history. Date: July, 2010.

Marvin Leslie Carlson (right) photographed with Winifred Alice (Clark) Krause in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. Marvin and Winifred would later discover this was the childhood home of Mabel (Wright) Nelson Kane. Date: July, 2010.

ELLA MATHILDA NELSON

(Written text provided by William John Krause II and Marvin Leslie Carlson). Ella Mathilda Nelson was born on July 9, 1902, in Richwood Township, Minnesota, and was the daughter of Andrew and Amanda Christina (Johannesson/Nelson) Nelson. Ella Nelson was the sixth child born to Andrew and Amanda Christina (Johannesson/Nelson) Nelson. Ella Nelson died in infancy on July 16, 1902, in Richwood Township, Minnesota.