Nora Velmina Nelson was born on April 13, 1900, in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, and was the daughter of Nels Christ Nelson and Mary Elizabeth (Johannesson/Nelson) Nelson. Nora traveled to Montana in 1911 with her parents to homestead near Tampico, Montana. She grew up in the Buggy Creek Community northwest of Glasgow, Montana. Nora Velmina Nelson attended Glasgow High School and in 1924 was one of four students who received a nursing certificate from the Glasgow Deaconess Hospital. Nora's first nursing position was in Seattle, Washington. Nora Velmina Nelson married John P. Whitson (Jack) in Long Beach, California, in 1929. John P. Whitson was born on March 20, 1883 in Cookeville, Tennessee. Jack and Nora Velmina (Nelson) had a son, Max Walter Whitson, born on July 18, 1930, in Venice, California. The Whitson's made their home in Bakersfield, California.

Jack P. Whitson died of a myocardial infarct in Bakersfield, California, in 1948. Interment was at the Greenlawn Cemetery on River Boulevard in Bakersfield, California.

Nora Velmina (Nelson) Whitson died of heart failure/stroke in Bakersfield, California, on September 15, 1965. Interment was at the Greenlawn Cemetery on River Boulevard in Bakersfield, California.
A photograph of John P. Whitson and Nora Velmina (Nelson) Whitson. Date photograph was taken thought to be 1929.

A photograph of Nora Velmina Nelson. Date and place of photograph was taken are unknown.

Nora Velmina Nelson. Date and place of photograph unknown. (Photograph courtesy of William John Krause II).

Nora Velmina (Nelson) Whitson. Date and place of photograph unknown. (Photograph courtesy of William John Krause II).
Nora Velmina (Nelson) Whitson (front left) photographed with a brother, Victor Christ Nelson, and two sisters, Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause (center back) and Anne Mathilda (Nelson) Stull in Bakersfield, California. Date: Unknown. (Photograph courtesy of William John Krause II).


Nora Velmina (Nelson) Whitson (second from front right) photographed in Bakersfield, California, with her son's in-laws relatives. Date photograph was taken: 1962 or 1963.
SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Published in the Glasgow Courier, Glasgow, Montana.
World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 record for John P Whitson

Record Index
Name: John P Whitson  County: Fresno  
State: California  Birthplace: Tennessee;United States of America  Birth Date: 20 Mar 1893 
Race: Caucasian (White)  FHL Roll Number: 1530715 
DraftBoard: 1

**1930 United States Federal Census record for Nora V Whitson**

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The Fifteenth Census of the United States (1930) for Los Angeles County, California, shows John Whitson as the head of the household living with his wife, Nora V. Whitson (lines 63-64).