

## DONALD BRUCE NELSON

(Written text and photographs provided by Donald Bruce Nelson and William John Krause II). **Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny)** was born on January 21, 1956, in Glasgow, Montana, and was the son of Floyd Ernest and Bertha T. (Stensland) Nelson. Donald Bruce Nelson was baptized into the Lutheran faith and then was confirmed in the First Lutheran Church of Glasgow, Montana, in 1971. Donny attended elementary school in Tampico, Montana, and completed Junior High and High School in Glasgow, Montana. He graduated from Glasgow High School in the spring of 1974. Donny continued his education at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, and then returned to ranching. Donald Nelson was a 4-H member for 10 years and received numerous awards for his horse and beef projects. He was awarded a trip to the Western Livestock Roundup in Denver, Colorado, and a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Illinois. Donny's primary interest was in farm animals and his passion was raising Quarter Horses. Donny together with his brother, Floyd C. Nelson Jr. (Sonny), farmed and ranched their parent's home place in the Highland Community as well as the original homestead of his grandparents (Nels Christ and Mary Elizabeth (Johannesson/Nelson) Nelson) Nelson in the Buggy Creek Community.

Donald Nelson was chosen as a Valley County drover in the Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive from Roundup, Montana, to Billings, Montana, that took place during September (fourth to ninth) of 1989. It took 5 days to move 2700 cattle over this 60-mile drive and ended with a parade through Billings, Montana, on September 9, 1989.

Donald Bruce Nelson married **Sheila K. Schedel** in Glasgow, Montana. Don and Sheila (Schedel) Nelson owned and operated the Nelson Ranch, a working ranch, located near the river bottom and surrounding rolling hills of the Milk River in Northeastern Montana. At the Nelson Ranch they bred, raised and trained working quarter horses. They also raised and bred cows and bulls (Black and Red Simmental/Simmental Angus Composites) to produce quality rangeland livestock. In addition to large livestock, Don and Sheila Nelson raised and sold Border Collies.

*Remembrances of Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) with regard to stories about Nels and Mary Elizabeth (Johannesson/Nelson) Nelson on the Buggy Creek Homestead.*

Donny recalled a family story with regard to his grandfather, Nels Christian Nelson, and his experience with a model-T Ford in the early 1920's. According to family legend, Nels started the Model-T using a hand crank and then began driving it about the homestead. When he finished trying out and driving this new contraption he returned to the house at the homestead but didn't know how to stop it or shut the automobile off. Nels drove around and around the house not knowing what to do. He was overheard to be yelling at the Model - T--- Whooya! Whooya! Whooya! as he would do stopping a team of horses. Finally, in an act of desperation, Nels, stopped the car by driving it into the edge of the house on the homestead killing the engine.

Donny also recalled a story about his grandmother, Mary Elizabeth (Johannesson/Nelson) Nelson, who kept a neighbor referred to as "old man Dempsy" out of her house at the Buggy Creek homestead with a broom. He was not allowed to enter the house. Whether or not he refused to take off his muddy boots or there was some other reason for grandma Nelson's ire is unknown.



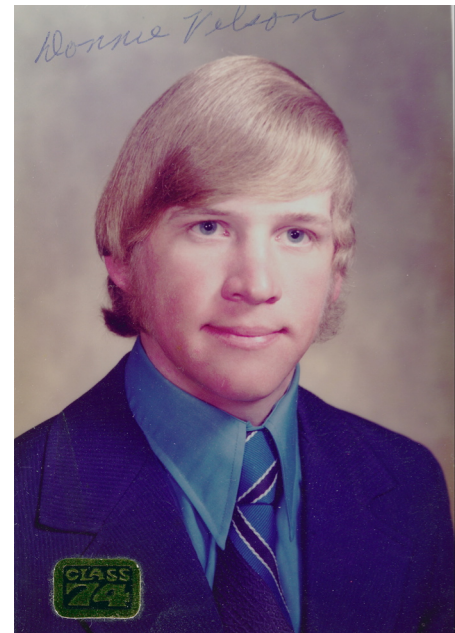
A photograph of Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) being held by his aunt, Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause, at the homestead near Buggy Creek Montana in 1956. Donny's grandmother, Mary Elizabeth (Johannesson/Nelson) Nelson, also is shown.



A photograph of Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny). Date: 1956.



A photograph of Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) having lunch in the field with his father, Floyd Ernest Nelson. Place: Wheat field on the Highland Community homestead. Date thought to be 1960.



A high school graduation photograph of Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny). Donny graduated from Glasgow High School, Glasgow, Montana, in the spring of 1974.



A photograph of Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) when he visited his aunt and uncle, William John (Johnny) and Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, in 1983.



Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) photographed at his parents residence at the Highland Community homestead. Date: 1990.



Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny)(right) photographed with Joseph Reyling (Joe) in Glasgow, Montana. Date: unknown.



Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) photographed at his brother's residence in Glasgow, Montana, with his first cousin, Dennis Lyle Krause (right), in March of 2006.



A photograph of Don Nelson taken at the Stensland reunion held in the park on July 3, 2000, in, Fort Peck, Montana.



Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) on one of his working quarter-horses with a young relative. Tampico, Montana. Date: unknown.



Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) on one of his working quarter-horses at the fairgrounds near Glasgow, Montana. Date: unknown. (Courtesy of Sheila K. (Schedel) Nelson).



Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) on one of his working quarter-horses at his ranch near Tampico, Montana. Date: unknown. (Courtesy of Sheila K. (Schedel) Nelson).



Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) standing with his wife, Sheila K. (Schedel) Nelson, and two of their working quarter-horses at their ranch near Tampico, Montana. Date: June, 2010.



Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) in action throwing a rope around the neck of one of his working quarter-horses. Place thought to be somewhere on the trail between Roundup and Billings, Montana, during the Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive. Date that the drive took place: September (fourth to ninth) of 1989. (Courtesy of Sheila K. (Schedel) Nelson).



Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) on one of his working quarter-horses roping a calf during branding season at his ranch near Tampico, Montana. Date: unknown. (Courtesy of Sheila K. (Schedel) Nelson).



Sheila (Schedel) Nelson on one of her working quarter-horses prior to going to work at the ranch near Tampico, Montana. Date: unknown. (Courtesy of Sheila K. (Schedel) Nelson).



Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) putting his brand on a calf at his ranch near Tampico, Montana, as other cowhands look on. (Courtesy of Sheila K. (Schedel) Nelson).



Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) (right) putting their brand on a calf as Sheila (Schedel) Nelson (center) vaccinates the calf with a vaccination gun. As they work nearby cowboys look on. Photograph taken at their ranch near Tampico, Montana. Date: unknown. (Courtesy of Sheila K. (Schedel) Nelson).



Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) (left) standing next to his wife, Sheila K. (Schedel) Nelson, and cousins (from left to right) Mary Elizabeth (Bain) Fain McCoy, Kelvin Keith Krause, and Dennis Lyle Krause. In the residence at the Nelson ranch near Tampico, Montana. Date: June, 2010.



Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) (second from left) standing with his cousins, William John Krause II (Bill) (left) and (from left to right) Mary Elizabeth (Bain) Fain McCoy, Kelvin Keith Krause, and Dennis Lyle Krause. In the residence at the Nelson ranch near Tampico, Montana. Date: June, 2010.

## SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

### DONALD BRUCE NELSON



Donald Nelson

Donald was born January 21, 1956 to Floyd and Bertha Nelson. He spent his early years on the ranch with his parents, brother and sister. Donald attended school in Tampico and Junior High and High School in Glasgow. He graduated from Glasgow High School in 1974.

Donald attended the Montana State University in Bozeman, MT, and then returned to the ranch. He is interested in animals and raises Quarter Horses.

He and his brother Floyd, Jr. are farming and ranching their parent's place.

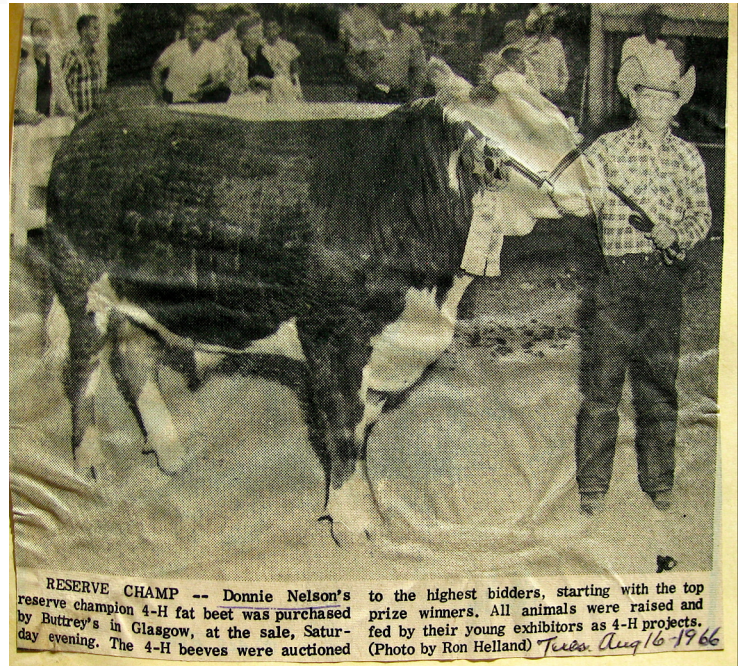
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In 1989, Donald was chosen as a Valley County drover in the Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive from Roundup to Billings, MT. It took from September 4 to 9 to make the 60 mile drive. The drovers had 2700 cattle they herded on this drive. They were all Montana cattle, and each animal carried the M 89 brand on its hide. There were six chuckwagons; at night they were pulled in a circle completed by the canvas tents. Each drover was identified by a name badge, wristband, and a red garter worn on the upper arm. This identification

allowed them free travel throughout the camps. Many evenings drovers would ride to the social camp to enjoy their entertainment.

The drovers had 250 horses that were also used on the drive. They used a single-rope corral, just large enough to encircle the horses. The drive ended when they paraded through Billings on September 9, 1989.

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Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) standing with his Reserve Champion Bull. Glasgow Courier. Glasgow, Montana. Date: Thursday, August 16, 1966. (Courtesy of Gina (Nelson) Reyling).

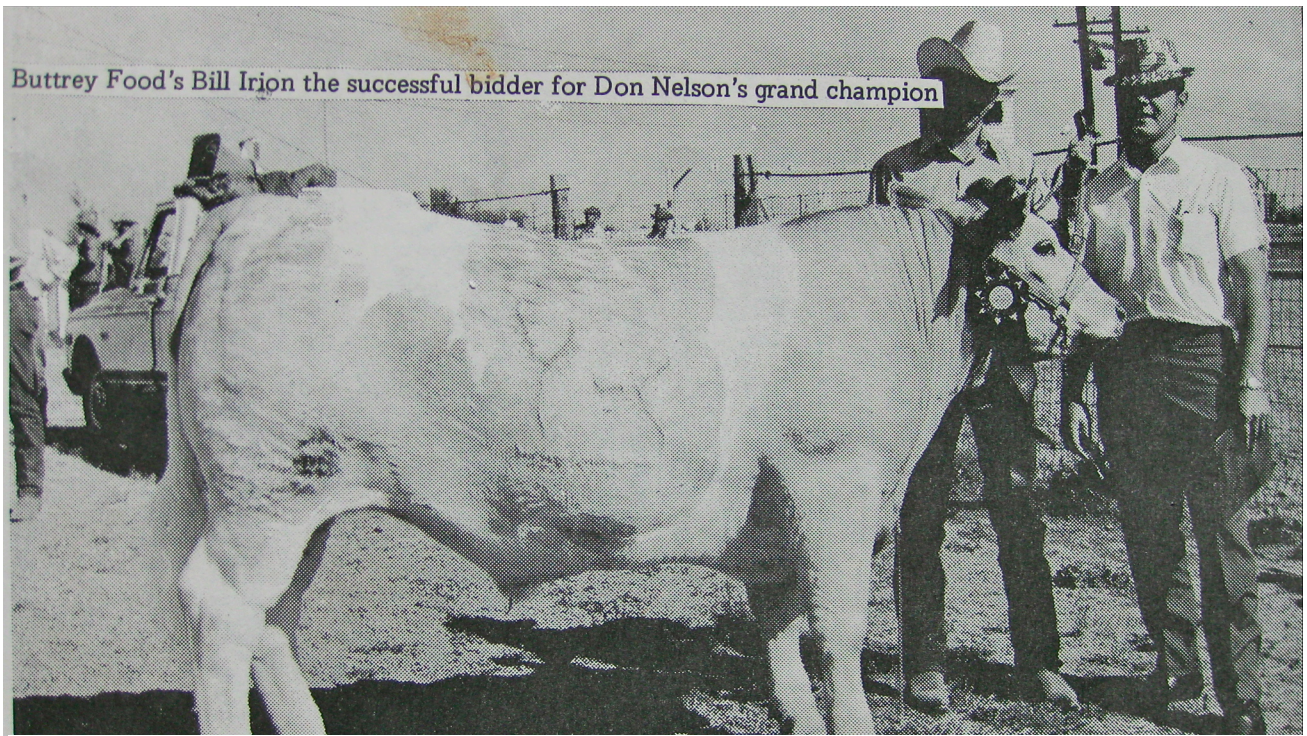


The brands used by Donald Bruce and Sheila K. (Schedel) Nelson of Tampico, Montana. The brands were hung on the corral in front of the grandstand at the Glasgow Fairgrounds, Glasgow, Montana. June, 2010.



A photograph showing the jaw brand on one of the working quarter-horses owned and raised by Donald Bruce (Donny) and Sheila (Schedel) Nelson. At their ranch near Tampico, Montana. Date: unknown. (Courtesy of Sheila K. (Schedel) Nelson).





Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny) standing with his Grand Champion Bull. Glasgow, Montana. Date: unknown. (Courtesy of Gina (Nelson) Reyling).

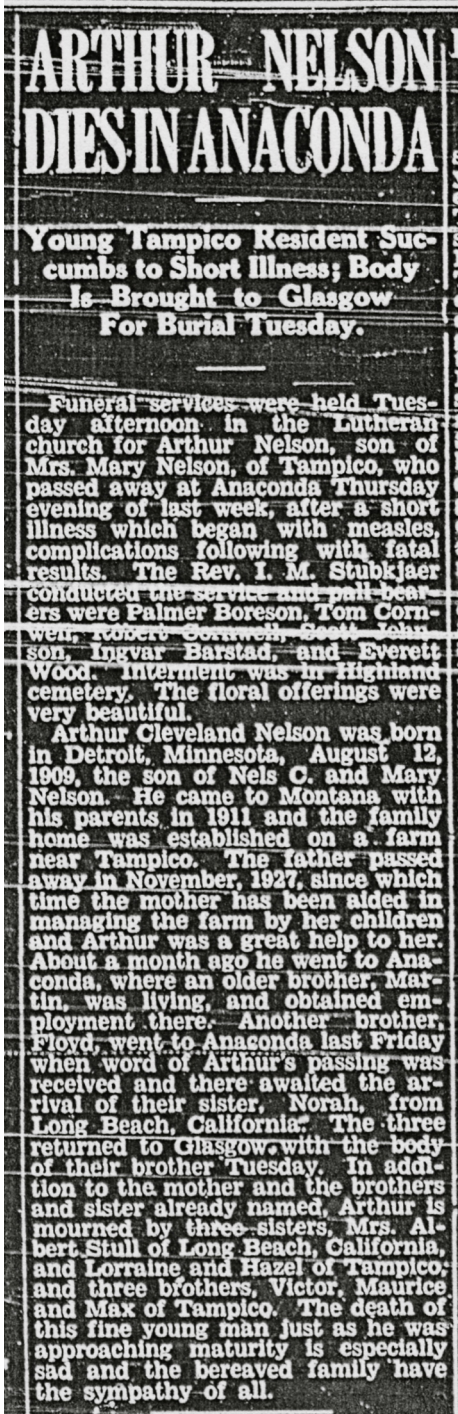


An aerial photograph of the residential area of the ranch owned and operated by Donald Bruce and Sheila (Schedel) Nelson. Located near Tampico, Montana. Date photograph was taken is unknown. The brand located in the upper left hand corner belonged to Donny's father, Floyd Ernest Nelson.

## ARTHUR CLEVELAND NELSON

(Written text provided by William John Krause II). Arthur Cleveland Nelson was born on August 12, 1909, on the family farm near Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. He was the son of Nels Christ and Mary Elizabeth (Johannesson/Nelson) Nelson, original homesteaders to Buggy Creek region of Montana. He came to Montana with his parents in 1911. Arthur Cleveland helped his mother, Mary Elizabeth (Johannesson/Nelson) Nelson, manage the Buggy Creek homestead following the death of his father in 1927. In March of 1929 Arthur Cleveland Nelson moved to Anaconda, Montana, to seek employment and to join his older brother, Martin Leonard Nelson, who was employed there. Arthur Cleveland Nelson died of complication from measles in Anaconda, Montana, on Thursday, April 17, 1929. Arthur Cleveland Nelson was buried in the Highland Cemetery in Glasgow, Montana, next to his sister, Mabel Elizabeth Nelson.

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**VIII. Burial Register**

Name	Birth		Death		Burial	
	DATE	PLACE	DATE	PLACE	DATE	PLACE
1929						
Charles Randall Priest	5-22-28	Nashua	1-27	Nashua	1-29	Nashua
Hilda Isaacson Bruce	9-22-84	Lake Park, Minn.	2-18	Glasgow	2-21	Glasgow
Alvin Dell Tapper	7-26-27	Glasgow	3-31	Glasgow	4-1	Glasgow
Emil Prel	1856	Germany	4-4	Glasgow	4-6	Glasgow
Carol Hauer	4-29-29	Wolf Point	5-15	Nashua	5-16	Nashua
Arthur Cleveland Nelson	8-12-09	Detroit, Minn.	4-17	Anaconda, Mont.	4-21	Highland
George Alvie Bissell	6-30-29	Glasgow	born	Glasgow	7-1	Nashua

The Burial Register from the First Lutheran Church of Glasgow, Montana, lists the birth city of Arthur Cleveland Nelson as Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, on August 12, 1909. His death was on April 17, 1929, in Anaconda, Montana. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Glasgow, Montana, next to his sister, Mabel Elizabeth Nelson.

The obituary of Arthur Cleveland Nelson published in the Glasgow Courier, Glasgow, Montana on the front page Friday, April 24, 1929.